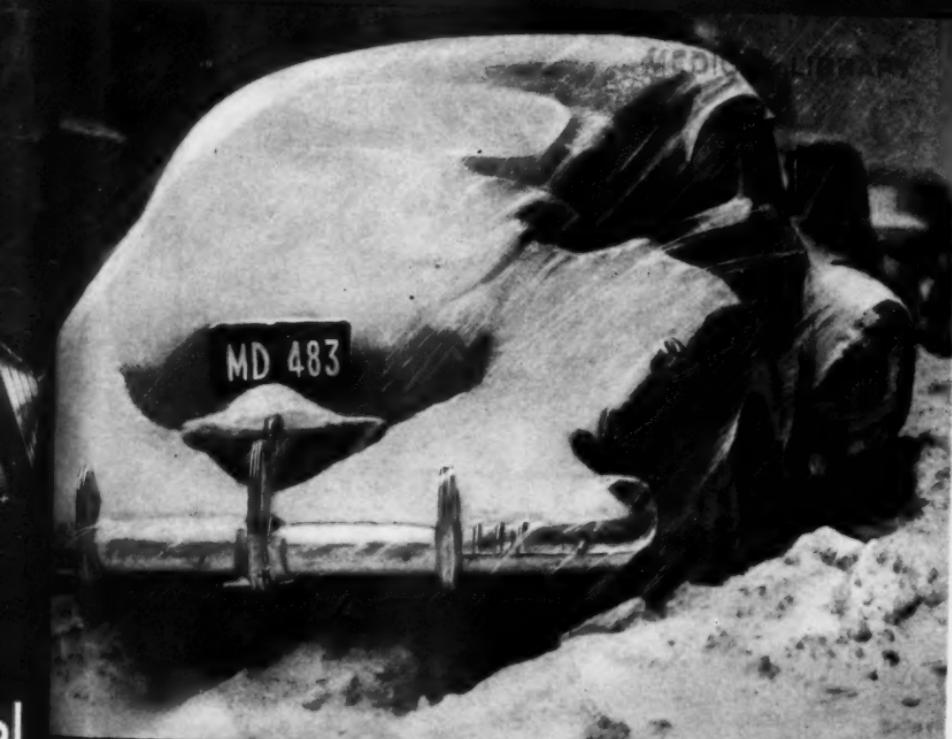


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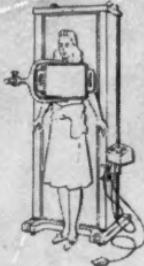
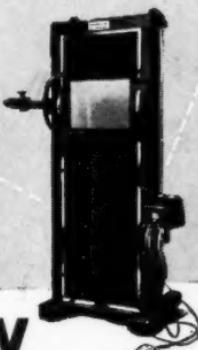
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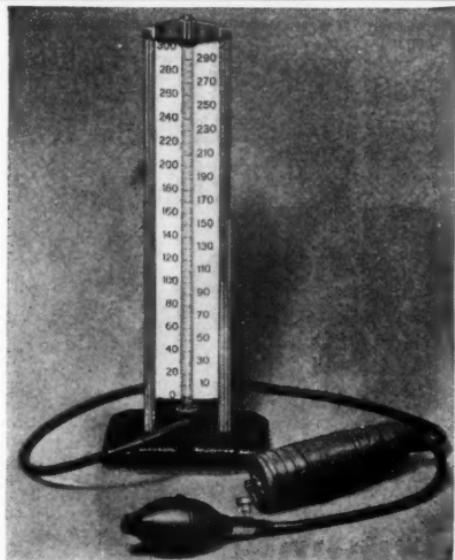
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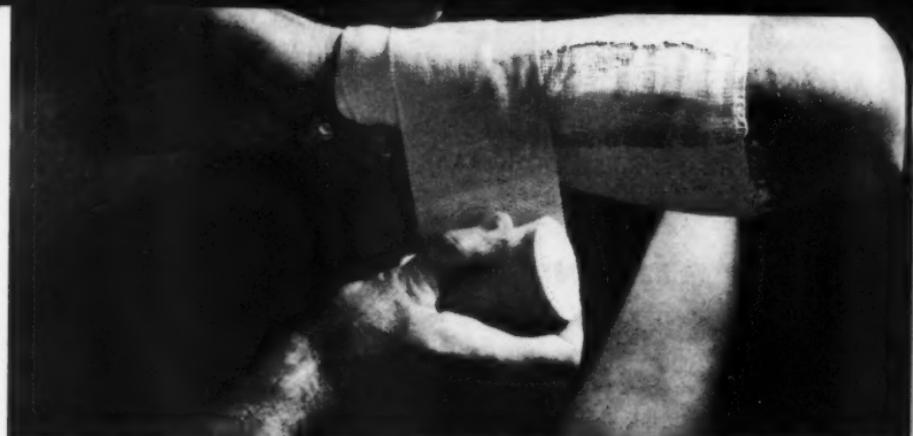


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► Washington dopesters scoff at a U.P. report that the 1947 Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill will be "delayed" because of 130 changes made necessary by testimony on S.1606. Isidore S. Falk and the Social Security Administration, they say, have already whipped up a new measure and all it needs is polishing . . . The New York Infirmary, only American hospital staffed exclusively by women doctors, says that "bias" against them is decreasing, even among men patients, but that they still comprise less than 5 per cent of all U.S. doctors, compared with 17 per cent in England and 85 per cent in Russia . . . Lush new subscription movie theatre, on Park Ave., Manhattan, offers such diversified attractions as foam-rubber love seats in the mezzanine and a telephone service for professional men . . . Hopelessly ill victims are said to be offering themselves as guinea pigs to the new Association for Advancement of Research in Multiple Sclerosis.

► Physicians and pharmacists are warned by law-enforcement men to be doubly watchful of their narcotic supplies. Scarcity among addicts has sent thefts soaring. Half-grain of morphine now brings \$3 in illicit market . . . Sadly, New York Herald-Tribune notes "death" of Dr. Alexis Carrel's famous embryonic chicken heart that beat in a test tube for thirty-four years. With research work concluded, says the H-T, nobody wanted the heart. "The test tube was inverted over a sink and immortality passed down the drain" . . . One World, Medical Division: Doctors representing U.S., Britain, the British dominions, and Europe recently met in London to attempt to set up an international medical organization "that will help to coordinate understanding and cooperation and to increase the knowledge of the many problems with which medicine is faced."

► News reports of Massachusetts General Hospital's horse-meat menu brought in a week's supply of veal, bacon, ham, and beef from dealers who were shocked by hospital's straits during the meat shortage . . . Howard Hughes, who recently has alternated between promoting (1) the airplane and (2) Jane Russell's bosom, found time while he was convalescing from crash injuries to invent a more comfortable hospital bed. His own shops built the bed and delivered it in time for Hughes to use it. When

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- A Cleveland crackpot has been sending mothers into hysterics by telephoning to warn them that their children may have polio . . . Beloved old family doctor of Salem, Mass., Ara N. Sargent, who died at 78, left practically all his \$220,000 estate to Salem Hospital . . . National Poll of Hospital Opinion shows most institutions favorably disposed toward smoking in hospitals, provided objectors to smoking are not subjected to fumes . . . With only the letters O, Q, and V left for new vitamins, the Patent Office says those who discover additional ones may also have to find a new way of labeling them.
- Nation-wide program of public education on diseases of the heart has been initiated by American Heart Association . . . Sixty-four Kansas physician-veterans have received financial assistance in post-graduate education from fund sponsored by state medical society . . . Santa Fe obstetricians startled by two adjacent billboards, one with big headline, "Expecting a Baby?" the other with "Nope, I'm waiting for a Nash" . . . What every doctor needs (as seen in Advertising & Selling): "18th century secretary, ball-and-claw legs, serpentine front, four large drawers, \$99.50" . . . A plastic surgeon advertised in mid-western paper that he'd exchange a new nose for an apartment . . . Massachusetts General Hospital, bursting at the seams, had to hire a circus tent to celebrate the centennial of the first public operation with ether.
- Specialists in physical medicine are still urgently needed by Veterans Administration, which calls attention to high initial salary, liberal promotion and leave policies, and opportunities for post-graduate education . . . Chicago Tribune's million readers had a chance to read Senator James E. Murray's remark, "In modern times the average citizen of the country is not capable of selecting his own physician," when this magazine was quoted in a letter to that paper . . . The fact that only one American general hospital has all its patients' rooms along southern walls is blamed on "formalism" in design. Thomas H. Creighton, editor of Progressive Architecture, maintains that good hospitals can take the form of wagon wheels, airplanes, telegraph poles, "or ballet dancers poised on one leg."

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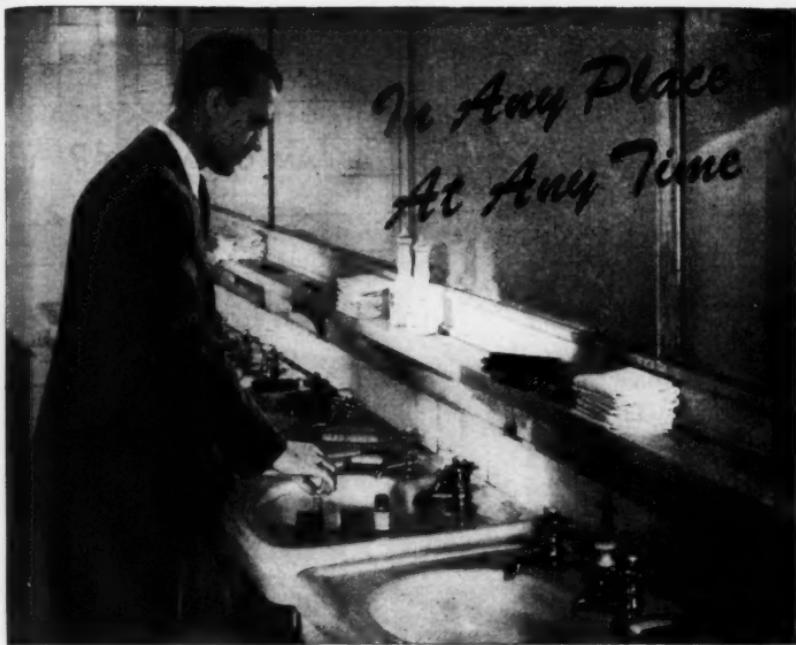
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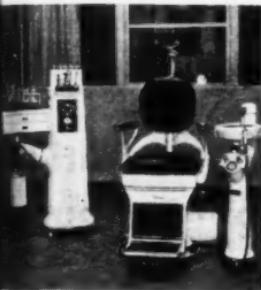
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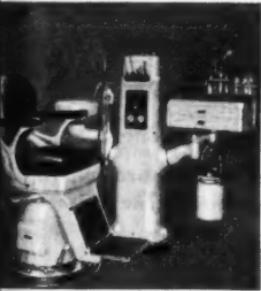
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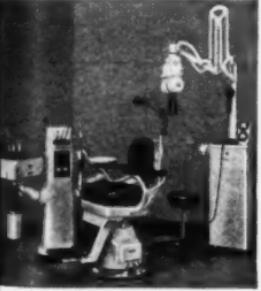
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I was greatly interested in MEDICAL ECONOMICS' November article on the recent meeting of Associated Medical Care Plans, Inc., in Chicago. I think your observations are important because they are unbiased. Some of us may be a little too close to the forest to see the trees.

The problems facing AMCP are the same ones that Blue Cross has faced and, to a considerable extent, solved in behalf of the hospital and medical prepayment plans associated with them. Many of us agree with you that the central national organizations, to be successful, must be coordinated just as closely as the local operating units.

Since you criticize, by implication, the selling efforts Blue Cross is making for medical service plans, it seems only fair to point out that of a 4 million total membership in medical society plans, about 80 per cent is in plans associated with the Blue Cross. Furthermore, the latter are, for the most part, the fastest growing ones. United Medical Service in New York has more than doubled its membership in a year to a total of about 400,000. Massachusetts Medical Service, also with about 400,000, has nearly doubled in a year.

Here in Colorado (Blue Cross membership 400,000, medical service, 150,000) my enrollment repre-

sentatives would be astonished if anyone accused them of favoring one plan at the expense of the other. In fact, they have complained about the restrictions we have had to place on medical plan enrollment until financial stability is assured.

William S. McNary,
Executive Director
Colorado Medical Service
Denver, Colo.

Some other medical plans, unfortunately, report contrary results.

Risky

Dr. Warren P. Morrill of the American Hospital Association recently pointed out in MEDICAL ECONOMICS why the construction of general hospitals of fewer than forty beds is a risky undertaking in small communities. How would he appraise the chances of a fifty-bed, private, ENT hospital in a city of a million people?

Courtney Kahn, M.D.
Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Morrill comments: "The development of Blue Cross and other prepayment plans may eventually mean that hospitals will get from 60 to 75 per cent of their incomes from such agencies. Since these plans have a fee ceiling based on community averages, the collections of the small, privately owned hospital probably will not be adequate

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Homer Rice, M.D.
Hendersonville, N.C.

Rural

It is true that never again will there be a doctor in every village. Modern medical training, increasing use of hospital and diagnostic facilities, cost of a medical education, and necessity for a large investment in equipment all militate against a young doctor's moving into a small community. Yet I have noticed in Alabama that when a man who can obtain necessary facilities settles in a small town, he prospers.

One solution being tried in certain areas is the provision of necessary diagnostic, therapeutic, and hospital adjuncts by the community —through cooperative effort, as in Amherst, Tex., or through local taxation. The doctor's income then comes from prepayment insurance, cooperative fees, or private fees.

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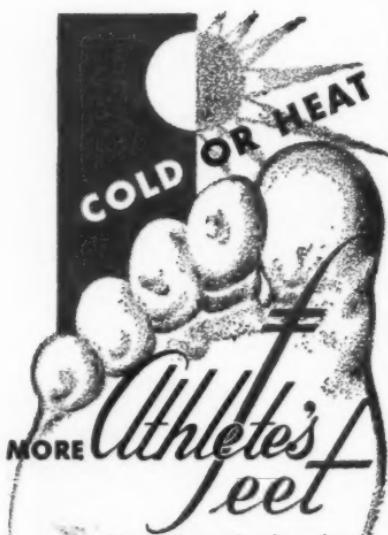
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In Alabama we have made some progress. We have drawn up a master hospital plan showing where hospitals are needed in rural areas, and we are providing for the matching of Federal funds to build these facilities. Our medical association is actively pushing prepayment insurance and hopes to work out some method of offering it to rural areas.

State medical committees, stimulated by the AMA Committee on Rural Medical Care, are meeting with farm groups, governmental agencies, and interested individuals in studying the problems of rural medical care. Some states are well along in planning to reverse present trends. Any effort to solve the problem should include as much local participation as possible.

J. Paul Jones, M.D.

Comm. on Rural Med. Service
American Medical Assn.

Bottlers

"Twelve Full Ounces" in your October issue recalled some of our experiences in handling urinalyses. We have found the "bottle types" to be decidedly seasonal. In December and January there is a noticeable increase in the number of specimens arriving in whiskey bottles. In summer, cologne and sun tan lotion bottles predominate.

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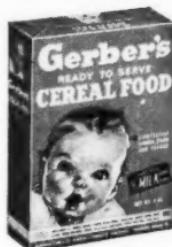
Non-Strike

In an article entitled, "Medicine's India-Rubber Man," in the October 19 Saturday Evening Post, Greer Williams, the author, says: "Fishbein disowned the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons, an extreme-right action group . . . Its proposal to strike against the sick public if the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill was adopted, in Fishbein's opinion, violated all of the tradition of medical science."

Doctor Fishbein could not disown the association because he never had anything to do with it. One of the main objectives of the association, in fact, was to blast Fishbein and the hierarchy of the American Medical Association into doing something about medical care. This has nothing to do with the tradition of medical science but has a lot to do with its economics.

Doctor Fishbein made the statement, and it was repeated in the literature of the National Physicians Committee and again in the Post article, that the AAPS proposed to strike against the sick public if the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, S.1606, became law. This statement is preposterous and

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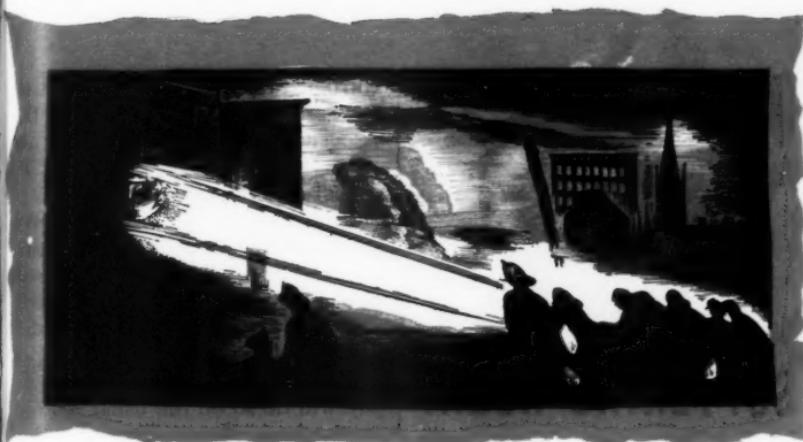
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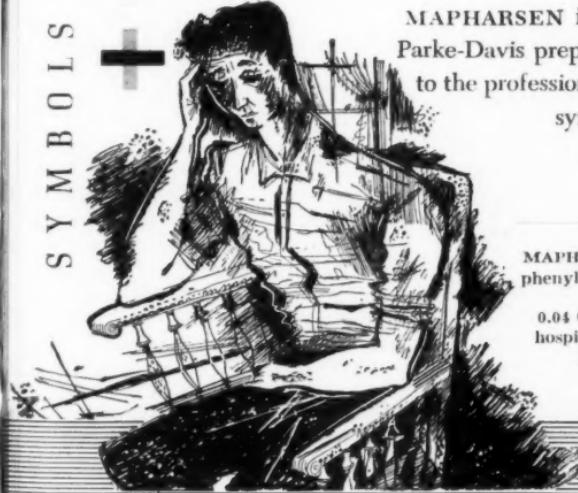
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Senator Robert A. Taft does not believe that a bill similar in that respect to the 1946 draft would succeed. "If we could pass a bill establishing a single Department of Health," he says, "we would also have to set up separate departments of welfare and social security.

"When I reintroduce the Taft Health Bill, I will still provide for a separate national health agency, leaving the question of a new department to be fought out inde-

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¶ Although the deceased had planned to leave his estate in trust, it went outright to his family. The burden of management was thrown on people with no specialized investment training.



The Journal AMA, as we thought it would, wagged a finger in Tonics and Sedatives at a September MEDICAL ECONOMICS article headline, "New Tricks for Old Bags." This pleased our headline department no end, for it wears out many a lead pencil trying to be both informative and provocative. Two days later, though, the department was plunged deep into despondency by reading a headline that plainly put our idea-men back in second place. Said an advertisement for the M.W. School of Taxidermy: "Let Us Teach You How to Mount Birds."

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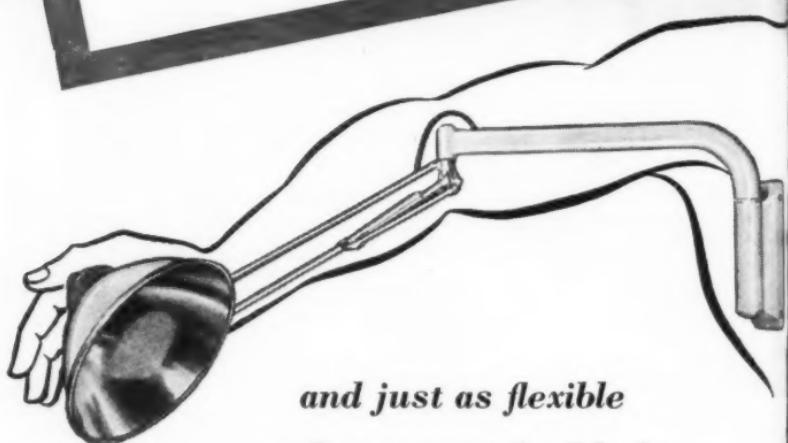
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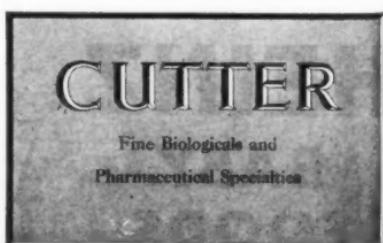
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Editorial

Government Medicine? Sure!

When a layman asks his doctor's opinion of government medicine, should the doctor say:

(1) "The idea is sponsored by a bunch of radicals. It would lead to collectivism and regimentation. I want no part of it."

Or should he say: (2) "I'm opposed to any more paternalism in medicine. It would disrupt professional standards. Prepayment medical care plans can do the job without help from government."

Or: (3) "I believe voluntary health insurance should be available to everyone. Those who want and can afford it should pay their own premiums. Those who can't afford it should have their premiums paid wholly or partly by government."

It would be difficult to convince many laymen with the first reply. Some people at the mention of Franklin D. Roosevelt's name used to hit the roof. Their point of view was unmistakable, but it is doubtful that they made many converts by their onesidedness.

The patient who gets the second answer quoted will listen thoughtfully. But there is still danger of his regarding the doctor as a standpatter. Raymond Rich, AMA public relations counsel, points out that "the most urgent task for medicine

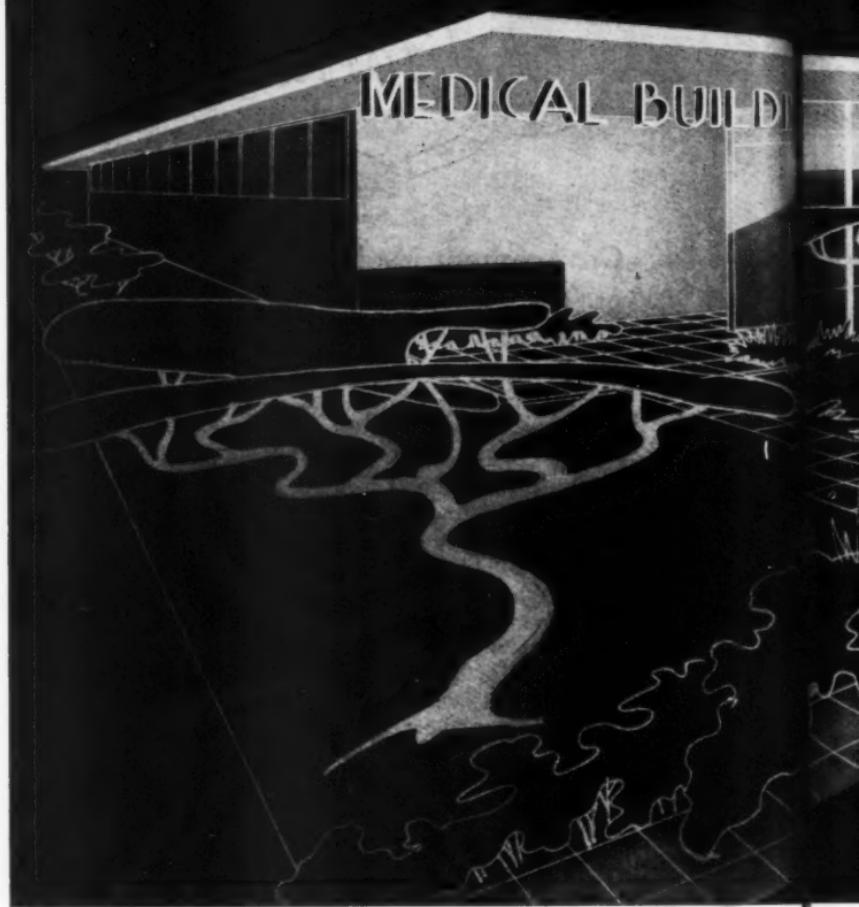
today is the extension of adequate medical care." To say that voluntary prepayment plans can do the job without government aid is pure exaggeration.

The third answer is the right answer. There is a place for government in medicine. We have seen the useful work done by the Public Health Service. We have watched the success of the Veterans' Administration's home-town-care program. Many of us favor expanded aid for the medically indigent. The important thing is how it's handled. Such aid need not undermine private medical service.

The question of government medicine is not *whether*, but *how much*. Many doctors understand this. Many laymen don't—and should. Clarifying medicine's position is an obligation of the physician whenever he talks with people: in his consultation room, on the street, at social gatherings.

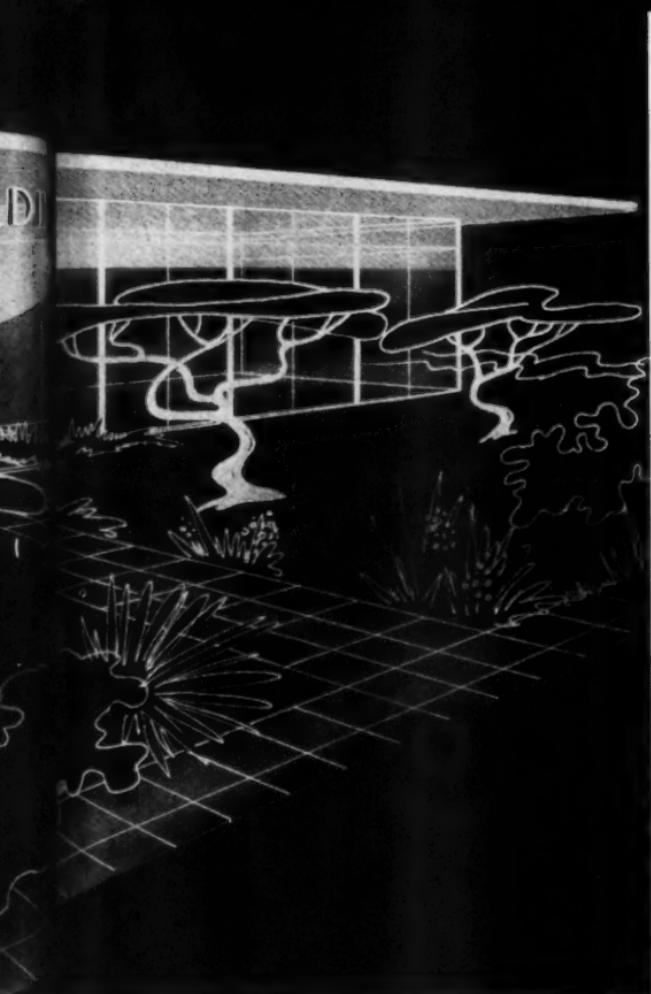
Too much negation and not enough clarification could do much for the cause of Wagner, Murray, and Dingell. So if a layman asks about government medicine and the doctor feels an "I'm agin it" welling up, let him hold everything.

Government medicine? Sure! Just show people where to draw the line. —H. SHERIDAN BAKETEL, M.D.



Raphael Soriano Designs a Unique New

Although designed for an ENT specialist, this building plan can be adapted for use by almost any physician. The layout is flexible. Practically all interior partitions are nonbearing; rooms can therefore be rearranged at will. A central core that houses the utilities, laboratory, sterilizers, and medical supplies,



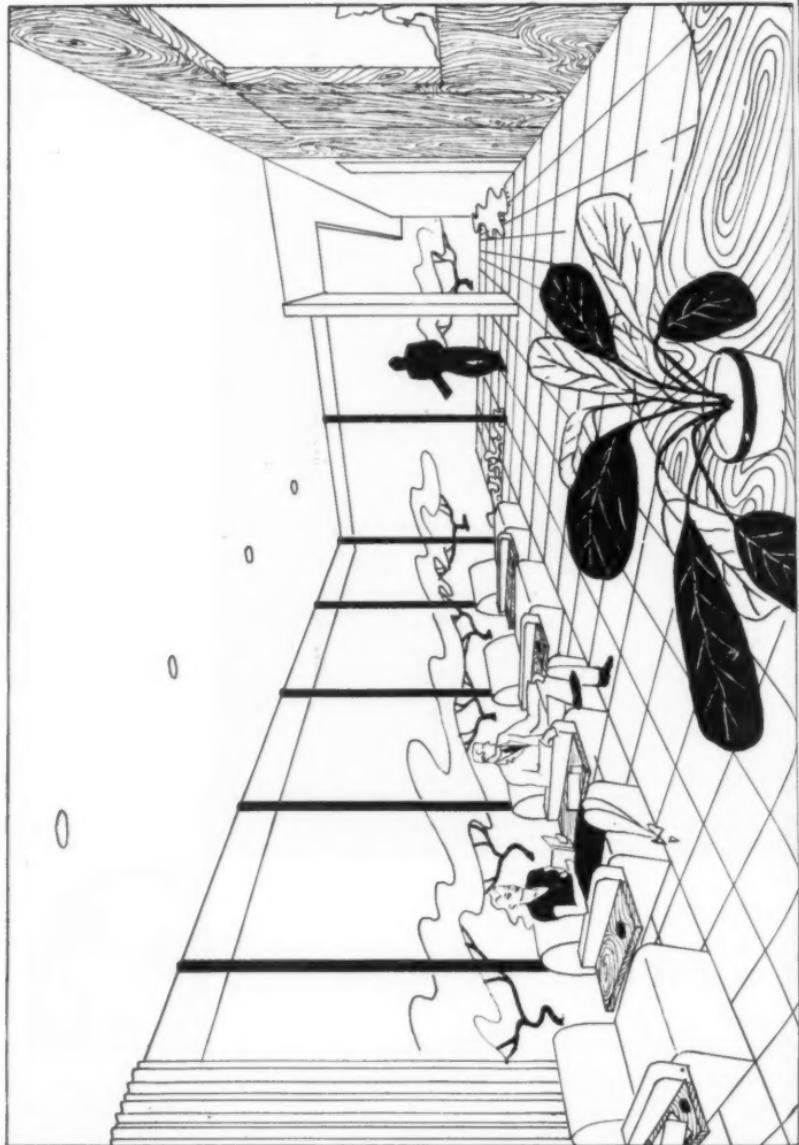
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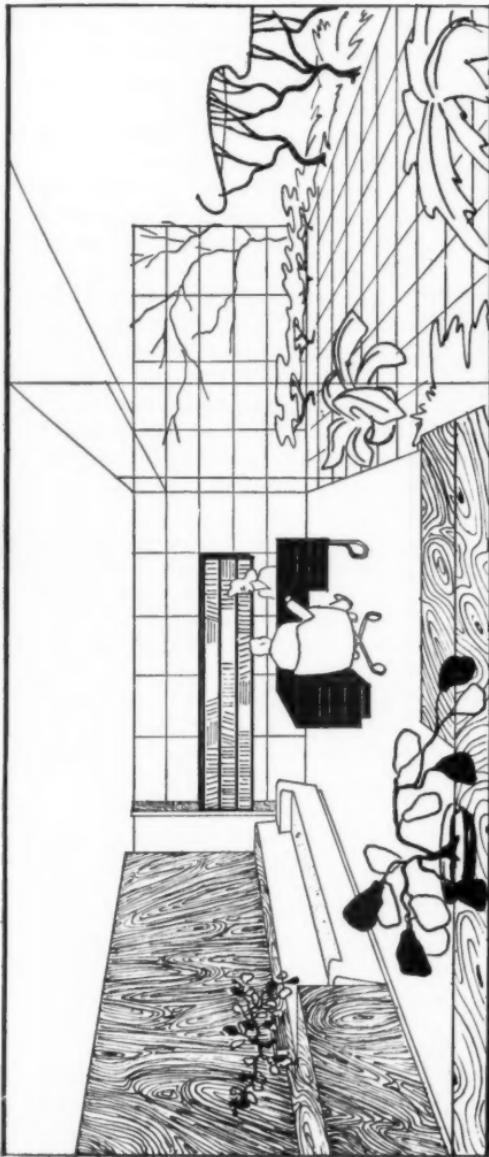
is so located that it will serve efficiently any room arrangement (see page 52).

The perimeter of the building is practically all glass. This gives natural light and cheerfulness to each room. At the same time it facilitates shifting rooms around,



Mr. Soriano is one of the country's most eminent architects. He planned this building expressly for readers of *Medical Economics*





The reception room (top) of the Soriano-designed medical building measures only 20 feet in length, but glass walls make it appear much larger. Patients enter the room via an attractive patio and garden. Inside, they sit in chairs that have individual, built-in end tables. The consultation room (bottom) reflects the same bold use of glass for maximum natural lighting. The room's dimensions are 10 feet by 15 feet. From the consultation room the patient can proceed directly to treatment rooms without reentering the reception area. A room arrangement for an ENT practice is shown on the following page.

since there are no pilasters and few walls to get in the way.

The reception room has a solid wall of glass, opening onto an enclosed patio and garden. These, in good weather, add extra waiting space for patients.

The doctor's consultation room, similarly, has its own terrace just outside the floor-to-ceiling glass wall. The net effect is a pleasant

garden-variety atmosphere for talks with the patient. The doorway between the consultation room and terrace assures privacy when the physician enters or leaves the building by that means.

The nurse in the business office is able to control patient circulation without confusion and with a minimum of haphazard walking. The business office is also placed to allow the outgoing patient to stop at the nurse's station and then leave the building without passing through the reception room.

The design calls for ceilings of acoustical tile, floors of asphalt tile, and natural wood paneling. Potted plants are used in abundance to complement the visible outdoor landscaping.

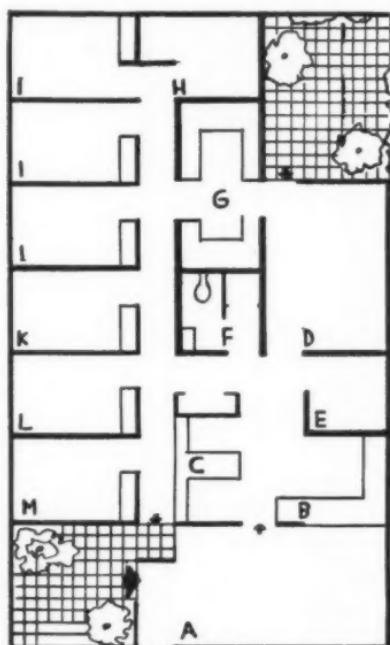
The plan is designed to fit any standard lot. An identical unit for another doctor may be added to this building on the same lot without impairing either privacy or efficiency.

The building is 53 feet long and 31 feet wide. It contains 13,300 cubic feet of space. In California it would cost about \$10,000 to build.

This building, designed especially for MEDICAL ECONOMICS, will seem radical at first glance. But the type of architecture it reflects is gaining increasing favor. Modern construction materials make the building suitable for the brisk climates of Illinois and Massachusetts as well as for semi-tropical California or Florida.

Some physicians will object to the large sign over the doorway. While the lettering is used to bind the sketch together, the sign could be eliminated from the actual building.

—RAPHAEL S. SORIANO



For an ENT layout, the rooms are designed for use as follows: (a) reception; (b) records; (c) nurse's station; (d) consultation; (e) audiometry; (f) toilet and dressing; (g) laboratory; (h) diathermy; (i) treatment; (k) children's treatment; (l) allergy; (m) recovery. This layout and design are typical of Mr. Soriano's work and of his extensive contributions to the architectural press.

Results of State Medicine Abroad Not Relevant, Says Butler

*Coverage in England, social conditions
in Germany nullify comparison*



[EDITOR'S NOTE: In every debate over compulsory health insurance, you're likely to hear a statement something like this: "If Federal medicine came to this country, results would be no more satisfactory than in Germany. And look at what happened in England." Many have come to accept it as a foregone conclusion that these two countries have proven that compulsion will not work. Dr. Allan M. Butler, professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, holds a different opinion. Though Dr. Butler's health insurance views are contrary to those of MEDICAL ECONOMICS', the editors believe his viewpoint should be aired.]

It is invalid to apply the commonly used arguments that the effects of compulsory insurance on medicine in England and Germany show that such insurance is undesirable in the United States.

Government insurance in England has been concerned primarily with such medical care as could be rendered in a doctor's office and it provided no coverage for dependents. Thus it attacked the problem in a totally inadequate fashion. It is recognized as a failure not only here but in England. This is evidenced

by the revision and extension being accomplished in England today. No one has ever suggested the application of a similar type of compulsory insurance in this country.

The English insurance has been so restricted in coverage that its experience provides little information pertinent to our consideration of legislation for a National Health Program. The experience of England is not in any way applicable to what might happen under the types of compulsory insurance that have been suggested as appropriate for the United States. Incidentally,



Allan M. Butler, M.D.

much of the information concerning English insurance that has appeared in our medical journals has been so misleading that officials of the British Medical Association have been forced frequently to protest.

In Germany, compulsory insurance began before 1900. The success of German medicine up until 1916 was such that it was admitted by all people to be superior to the medicine provided elsewhere. The great advances in American medicine that took place between 1912 and 1922 were largely the result of our study of German medicine.

However, the experience of Germany does not provide a basis for an accurate forecast for this country. Compulsory insurance in Germany was introduced by a totali-

tarian and paternalistic government in a country that had no tradition of democracy. Moreover, while compulsory insurance was in effect, Germany suffered defeat in the war of 1914-1918, inflation, bankruptcy, and revolution. The revolution merely augmented the totalitarian aspect of the government.

The experience derived from compulsory insurance under such distressing political and economic circumstances is not pertinent to what may happen in this country with its strong tradition of democracy and representative government. Here, at least for the moment, we have not suffered from an inflation which resulted in bankruptcy and revolution.

—ALLAN M. BUTLER, M.D.



"THAT'S WHAT HE ALWAYS WEARS WHEN HE DOES AN EXPLORATORY!"

Auto Priorities for Physicians

*A report on your chances to obtain
a new car in the near future*



Need a new car urgently? Then face the facts: While your dealer may give you a priority, it's also possible that he may not. If he doesn't, your only other source is the black market.

If you can wait, put your name on the special lists of veterans and doctors that some dealers maintain. Results won't be immediate, but you may get at least *some* preference. If your present car still has mileage left, even though it's shabby, don't order another now. Let some colleague whose need is more urgent receive *his* car first.

MEDICAL ECONOMICS has just completed an inquiry into the automobile situation, and the results are disheartening. There is little prospect of real relief before 1948. Cars will come off the assembly lines in increasing quantities during 1947 (barring a new wave of strikes), but demand will continue to exceed supply. The black market will be open for business as usual.

Dealers, of course, shrug off any suggestion of a black market. One of them, who has headed an agency for many years, said, "Would you believe me if I told you I haven't made a dollar in the black market? Of course you wouldn't. And that's the trouble. Even the conscientious men are inclined to feel, 'We have

the name, why not the game?'"

Many dealers are honest and above-board. They deliver cars strictly according to rotation of orders. They give preference to veterans, physicians, and essential users. None the less, doctors are growing cynical. Many must travel afoot or pay for taxicabs while their neighbors who use cars for pleasure seem able to get new ones.

Complaints are directed not only against retailers and the black market, but also against manufacturers who have failed to earmark a percentage of cars for sale to physicians only and then enforce the ruling. Some medical men feel resentment toward the AMA House of Delegates for having tabled a resolution that the AMA get together with car manufacturers to work out a priority system.

This reporter asked several manufacturers the questions, "Have you done anything to ease the situation? Do you plan to do anything?" They replied, in effect: "We are in the business of making cars, not retailing them. We can suggest a quota system to our dealers but we cannot impose one on them. On the whole, we think they are doing a fair job of distribution."

The Ford Motor Company says it instituted a voluntary rationing

program when postwar distribution began and that its dealers are adhering to it. This is demonstrated, says the company, by a recent survey which indicated that Ford, Lincoln, and Mercury cars were being released to essential users in the following percentages:

Veterans (including physicians)	32.1%
Business institutions	19.1
Essential workers	17.3
Physicians (non-veterans)	6.2
Governmental (all levels)	3.2
Public utilities	2.8
Police and fire chiefs	2.4
Public officials	2.1
Nurses7
Miscellaneous	<u>14.1</u>

100.0%

Hudson is noncommittal: "We feel that our distributors and dealers have been very fair in looking after veterans and we have continually urged that this be done. With the number of unfilled orders our dealers have on hand among customers of long standing, we do not see how anything further can be done."

Studebaker says: "Before we resumed production we urged our dealers to use extreme care in accepting orders and to keep in mind that many men in the armed forces, including doctors, would need cars to earn a living upon returning to civilian status. We feel that Studebaker dealers have done a good job in that respect . . . The dealer is in a much better position than we are to judge who in the community is entitled to the limited number of cars we can produce."

General Motors is convinced, on the basis of distribution studies,

that its dealers are doing a good job. But it is also willing to try to assist physicians who feel that there have been unnecessary delays in delivery. The company suggests this procedure: (1) Place your order with an authorized dealer for the make of General Motors car you want (Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Buick, or Cadillac). (2) If you have difficulty in obtaining a car, write to the general sales manager of the car division (Buick, Pontiac, or other), explaining your need for a new car, giving the name and address of the dealer with whom you placed your order, and specifying the date of the contract.

"We are confident," says the parent company, "that within the limitations of production, the general sales managers of the car divisions will do everything possible to assist any physician-veteran who has urgent need of transportation. In his interest we suggest that physicians who have usable cars refrain from placing orders for new ones at this time."

Chrysler reports that it has been "encouraging dealers to extend special consideration to physician-veterans and doctors generally" and believes that "dealers have been doing so." But, it adds: "There is just no way of allocating products in a way that is pleasing to all those who want them. Any attempt to take care of a group on a special basis only aggravates the situation. Furthermore it would hardly be possible to stop with any one group, and as group after group received preference, orderly distribution would break down."

County medical societies in dif-
[PLEASE TURN TO PAGE 107]

Meet AMCP!

*An outline of the purposes and organization of
Associated Medical Care Plans, Inc.*



Associated Medical Care Plans, Inc., is a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of Illinois. An AMA-sponsored agency designed to coordinate all voluntary health insurance programs which are operated by or approved by organized medicine, it will neither supply medical services nor engage in the insurance business. AMCP's job is to "promote the establishment and operation of such non-profit, voluntary medical care plans throughout the United States and Canada as will adequately meet the health needs of the public and will preserve and advance scientific medicine"

In effect, it is the equivalent to medical and surgical plans of the National Blue Cross Commission to hospitalization plans.

Inherent in AMCP's aims is the "recognition that state and local medical care plans should be autonomous in their operation." At present any medical-society-approved prepayment plan which meets and complies with the minimum standards established by the AMA's Council on Medical Service is eligible for full membership in AMCP. Associate membership is available to plans in the process of being organized and to any plan "unable during its existing system of organi-

zation to meet the standards" There has been unofficial suggestion that AMCP make its standards for membership more stringent than simple approval by the Council on Medical Service. But there is no indication now that this will be done.

Commercial insurance carriers are not eligible for membership. The intent of AMCP's constitution is not to prohibit the acceptance of plans controlled by organized medicine and underwritten by such companies. (See "AMCP Faces Difficult Role in Prepay Plan Coordination," November MEDICAL ECONOMICS.)

Financially AMCP is designed to be a self-supporting agency. At present membership dues are its sole source of income. For full members, dues are five cents per 100 beneficiaries per month. The minimum payable is \$10 a month, the maximum is \$250. Associate members pay \$25 a year.

AMCP officers believe that the charter granted by the State of Illinois is broad enough to permit AMCP to conduct "a wide variety of activities. Many things which can and will be done to aid members cannot now be definitely stated." But AMCP's by-laws call for:

1. Compilation of statistics and

distribution of financial and service data to member-plans.

2. Public education on the scope and significance of the prepayment movement.

3. Encouragement of reciprocity among plans to facilitate enrollment of large, nation-wide groups (e.g., members of farm organizations, employees of industrial and transport companies, and postal workers).

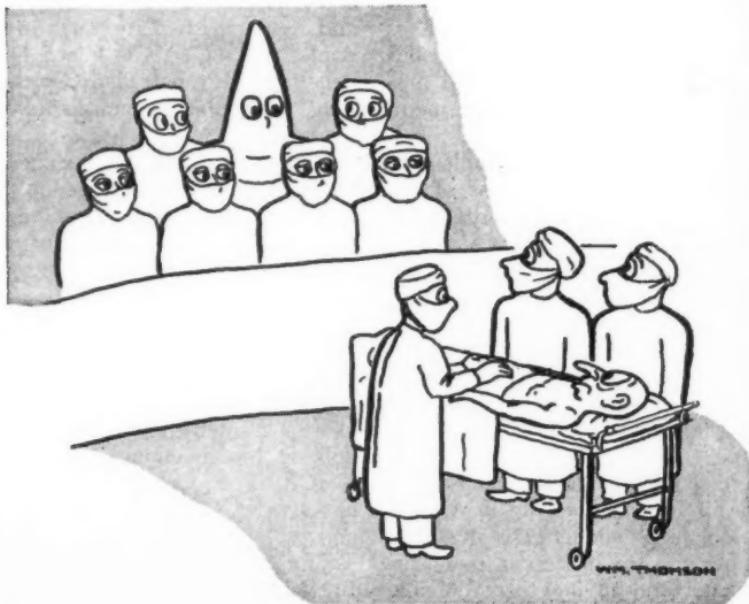
AMCP is governed by a nine-man commission. Three members are elected to serve three-year terms, three to serve two years, and three to serve for one year only. Seven of the nine are physicians. Chairman of the group is Dr. Edward J. McCormick, a member of the AMA's Council on Medical Service. (AMCP's by-laws require that three of the nine commission-

ers be chosen from the council's membership.) In effect, the commission is similar to a medical society's board of trustees.

In annual business meetings involving all members of AMCP, voting rights are restricted to full members. Each is entitled to one vote for every 25,000 beneficiaries enrolled. A maximum of ten votes is permitted; a minimum of one vote is guaranteed.

The corporation's officers, elected in October to serve one-year terms, are: Dr. L. Howard Schriver, Ohio Medical Indemnity, Inc., president; William Bowman, California Physicians Service, vice president; Dr. Norman Scott, Medical-Surgical Plan of New Jersey, treasurer; Jay Ketchum, Michigan Medical Service, secretary.

—NELSON ADAMS



Pronunciation Quiz

By James F. Bender, Ph.D.

How do *you* pronounce these medical terms? Take your pick—then turn to page 148 for the answers. This is the second in a series of three quizzes. Capitalized syllables show primary accent, italicized syllables show secondary accent.

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1. dosimeter	doh SIM i ter	dahs i MEE ter
2. geriatrics	jehr i AT riks	juh RIGH uh triks
3. rationale	<i>rash</i> uhn AH li	rash uhn AL
4. syndrome	SIN drohm	SIN droh mi
5. phagocytic	fag oh SIT ik	faj oh SIGHT ik
6. hyperkinesia	<i>high</i> per ki NEE si uh	<i>high</i> perKIGH neesiuh
7. lanugo	luh NOO goh	LAN oo goh
8. theelin	THEE uh lin	THEE lin
9. jejunum	JEE joo n'm	ji JOO n'm
10. buccinator	BUHK i <i>nay</i> ter	BUHK si <i>nay</i> ter
11. caecum	SAY k'm	SEE k'm
12. feces	FEE seez	FES iz
13. trauma	TROH muh	TRAW muh
14. suppurative	SUHP yoo <i>ray</i> tiv	suh PEW ruh tiv
15. staphylorrhaphy	staf il AWR uh fi	stuh FIL uh ruh fi
16. splanchnic	SPLANGK nik	SPLANCH nik
17. sinistral	si NIS tr'l	SIN is tr'l
18. scabies	SKAB eez	SKAY bi eez
19. rheme	reem	raym
20. sacroiliac	SAK roh <i>il</i> i ak	<i>say</i> kroh IL i ak
21. protein	PROH tee 'n	proh TEEN
22. omphalic	AHM fuh lik	ahm FAL ik
23. maxilla	MAKS il uh	maks IL uh
24. pectoral	PEK tuh r'l	pek TAW r'l
25. hygienic	high ji EN ik	high JEEN ik

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CLOSE-UP

"Revitalize the Bureau of Medical Economics," the report of Raymond Rich & Associates had told the AMA. "Turn it over to a professional economist." In late September when the Board of Trustees announced its choice for the job, the nod had been given to a short, deliberate scholar who looks like John L. Lewis. Shaggy but soft-spoken Frank G. Dickinson would have recommended only two men to head the bureau, and "one was too old." This left FGD himself, who naturally concluded that he must be the man for the job. So did his family physician who got his name and qualifications before the Board of Trustees last August.

The long-time University of Il-

inois economics professor, now 47, brings an academic approach to his new task. (He was genuinely pleased when the bureau's name was changed to the Bureau of Medical Economic Research without instigation from him.) But his former experience as an industrial consultant has equipped him also with a practical and cooperative turn of mind. (He thoughtfully called each of the three big wire services to be sure they would not miss out on the announcement of his appointment in an AMA press release.)

The professor thinks in terms of five-year research projects dealing with such questions as "the ultimate effect upon physicians' total lifetime income of the age at which they enter the practice of medicine" and "the preparation and analysis of definitive morbidity statistics for various diseases."

"When we get through," he says, slapping his desk top, "that will be it. I hope they don't get impatient with me."

Mr. Dickinson—a Ph.D.—likes his new job but gets jangled nerves from the "square-wheeled" trolleys that clatter along Chicago's North Dearborn Street. He speaks wistfully of the quiet and greenery of the college campus.

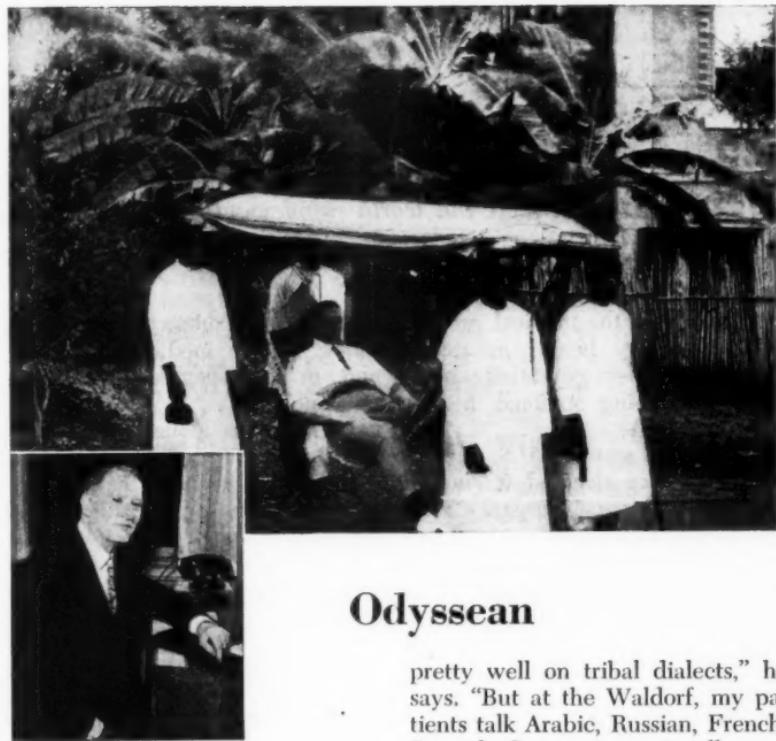
Whether or not the bureau will tackle the everyday economic problems of the practicing physician, the new director doesn't know. He's busy now plowing through back issues of fifty-odd journals to get the feel of the profession. The long-range research he plans will require a large increase in his staff. A file clerk, a half-time stenographer, and a few hired-hands for his calculating machines are all he has now.

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pretty well on tribal dialects," he says. "But at the Waldorf, my patients talk Arabic, Russian, French, Spanish, German—occasionally even English."

Dr. Jackson-Moore worked his way from the jungle to Park Avenue by filling in as ship's surgeon on fourteen different steamship lines. You'll find his Waldorf office just around the corner from Frank Sinatra's former suite. He handles forty patients a day, about 400 physicals a month. Current pressing problem: what to do about a long-time hotel resident who won't see the doctor in person but who phones daily for medical advice. When harassed by such problems of civilized practice, Dr. Jackson-Moore feels pretty nostalgic about the jungle.



From the land of the loin cloth to the land of the snood—that's the travel saga of James Jackson-Moore, resident physician at New York's gilded Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. It wasn't long ago that the peripatetic Irishman was sweating out a dozen operations a day on Benis in the West African jungle. Now his air-cooled clientele runs along the lines of Veronica Lake, Winston Churchill's family, Xavier Cugat's bandsmen, U.N. representatives, and some 2,000 Waldorf employees.

"In Africa I could get along

PHS Assesses Voluntary Plans

Report calls medical and hospital plans inadequate but worth supplementing



How good are the medical profession's voluntary health insurance plans? Are they potentially capable of meeting national health needs?

Two years ago the U.S. Public Health Service decided it should have the answers. It began a survey which eventually covered all but one of the medical care plans then existing. Its final report, soon to be published, brings to physicians a significant outside appraisal of their efforts to extend prepaid medical care.

The major PHS conclusions:

¶ Prepayment plans sponsored by medical societies are "an important contribution" to the country's health and security; they are

► Louis S. Reed, Ph.D., author of the report described here, is a Public Health Service economist. He formerly served the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care. Mr. Reed's book, "Health Insurance," published in 1937, called for "a system of state medicine with the service given by full-time salaried physicians, dentists, and nurses in the employ of government-controlled hospitals and clinics."

beneficial to subscribers, to hospitals, to the medical profession, and, in some degree, to the general public.

¶ The plans alone do not have the potentiality of bringing adequate, comprehensive health service to the whole population. They need outside help.

¶ Any planning for national or state health must take existing prepay plans into account. "They could not suddenly be displaced or liquidated without considerable inconvenience to subscribers, hospitals, and the medical profession."

These findings were enumerated by Louis S. Reed, Ph.D., speaking for the PHS at the American Hospital Association's recent convention in Philadelphia. But Mr. Reed has considerably more to say. His summing-up of the PHS survey is both a thumbnail history of physician-backed prepayment and a forecast of its future.

"The movement to establish medical plans began, for all practical purposes, in 1939," Mr. Reed comments. "At first growth was slow. The medical profession was not greatly interested. But since 1943 the profession has shown great and increasing interest. Growth in number of plans and in

enrollment has accelerated. Within another two or three years hospital and medical plans probably will exist in all states. Operation of allied hospital and medical plans creates pressures leading towards their merger, and it's probable that in a few years most of these plans will be unified.

"The basic formula of the plans—now including non-profit status, free choice of physician, and the right of all qualified physicians in the area to participate—is sound and permits indefinite extension of enrollment. Those responsible for this truly amazing development have every reason to be proud of their accomplishment."

Mr. Reed adds some details in explanation of the "important con-

tribution" made by the medical profession's health insurance plans. "The plans are good for the profession because they facilitate service to the public," he says. "They tend to remove the financial element from the relationship between those giving and those receiving service.

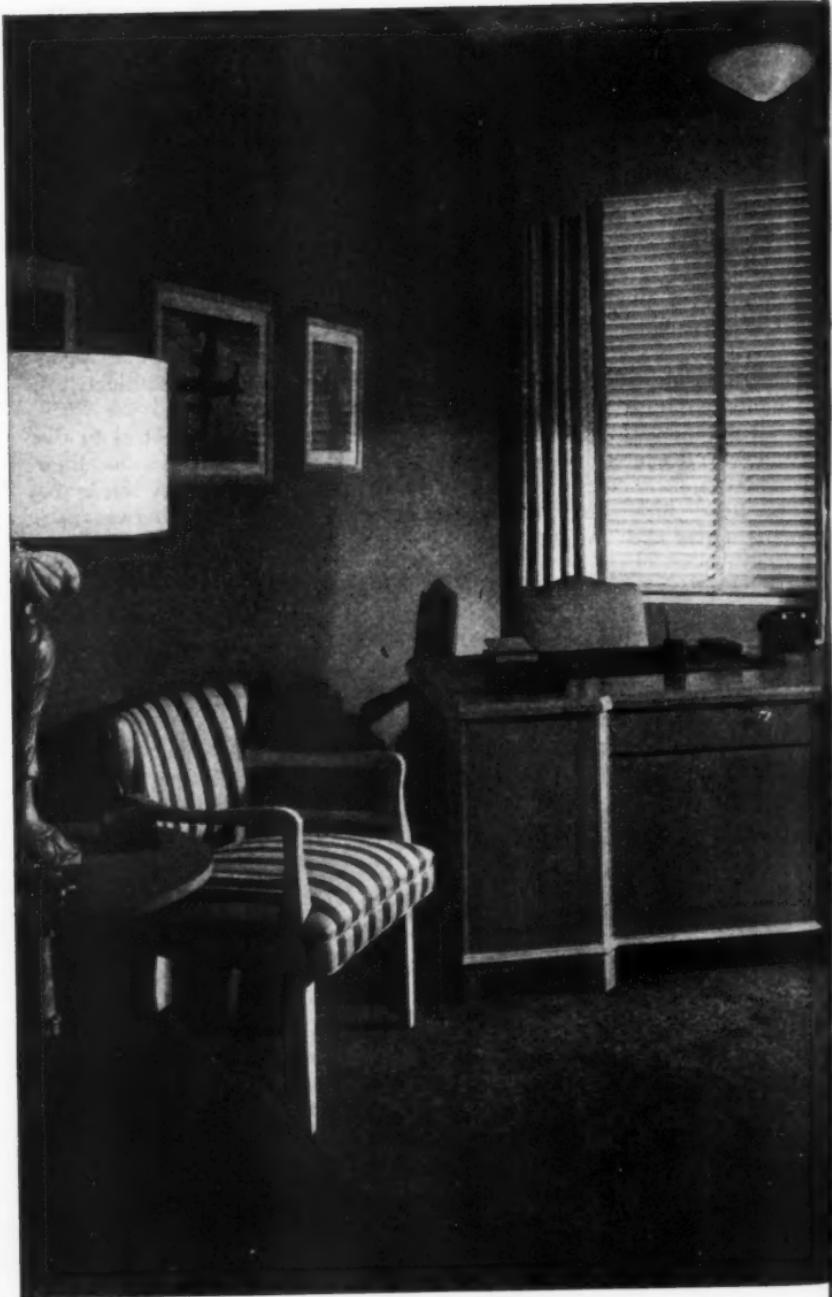
"Working under the plans, physicians are able to secure fair remuneration for their services from some people who would be able to pay little or nothing if they did not have this insurance. Such plans tend to increase and stabilize the profession's income.

"The plans are beneficial to the general public because, as their enrollment expands, they lessen the need for charity care otherwise pro-

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Creating a Congenial Atmosphere in Your Consultation Room

*A quick inspection may show you
how it can be improved*



"I have a feeling that my consultation room does little to put patients at ease," says a physician just back in civilian practice. "My office is in an old building, and I was lucky to get it. But the setting isn't very conducive to relaxation. Can you give me a few pointers on how to achieve a congenial atmosphere?"

The answer is yes. And the pointers apply not only to physicians in old offices but to some in new offices as well:

Banish gloom!

Your best desk-side manner won't click with the patient if he's hemmed in by dark surroundings or shrouded in the half-light of a 25-watt bulb. Either (1) light-hued walls or (2) dark walls relieved by a light ceiling and light furniture (see cut opposite) are what the decorator orders. He'll also suggest that you use lamps that provide indirect lighting.

Arrange furniture informally!

You'll then have less trouble breaking down the patient's reserve. Consider his chair for instance. Is it placed so that he sits in front of your desk and must lean forward uncomfortably to hear you talk across a formal expanse of mahogany? Or does he sit beside your desk, where he's more at ease and where you can discuss matters

with him without talking at him? *Insure privacy!*

If the patient can hear voices from the reception room, he probably will hesitate to unburden himself. So make a check for sound leaks. Minor carpentry or acoustical work will often put a stop to them.

Keep the atmosphere fresh!

This may be a simple problem of ventilation. If not, and odors insist on seeping in from the laboratory or elsewhere, then an exhaust fan or air conditioning equipment may be what you need.

Add a personal touch!

Perhaps your hobby will help brighten up the consultation room. Photographs, ship models, sculpture, or other indications of one's outside interests often are both decorative and conducive to a pleasant atmosphere.

What you're trying to do, in the final analysis, is to arrange things so that instead of offending any of your patient's primary senses, you will, wherever possible, appeal to them.

After each pointer, I've given but one or two examples. There are many others. So reread the italicized suggestions, unleash your imagination, and be guided accordingly.

—JOHN G. SHEA

Commission on Hospital Care Urges Fewer But Larger Hospitals

Report calls for drastic revision of in-patient facilities



To cure the ills of America's hospital system will require drastic remedies, says the Commission on Hospital Care which recently wound up a two-year investigation of the nation's hospitals. Its monumental 744-page report, to be published early in 1947, names the ailments and specifies the cures.

"If this program fulfills its objectives," says Commission Chairman Thomas S. Gates, "it should mark a departure from the haphazard hospital growth of the past to a carefully planned, well-integrated development in the future." But a number of physicians who have scanned the commission's 175 recommendations do not believe the turning point is near.

The Commission on Hospital Care was set up as a non-governmental study group, not as an action committee. "The future of its projected program," says Chairman Gates, "depends upon the interest and acceptance of responsibility shown by those whom it is intended to benefit."

The commission minces few words in airing hospital problems long kept under cover. Its report:

¶ Calls for 195,000 more beds in general hospitals (a 40 per cent increase), to cost \$1,800,000,000.

¶ Urges replacement of one-quarter of the present 503,000 general hospital beds because of obsolescence.

¶ Proposes reducing the total number of hospitals by 40 per cent, eliminating many small hospitals, convalescent and nursing homes.

¶ Advocates an integrated system of hospitals to replace the present disorganized network. The system would be composed of: (1) small medical outposts in sparsely settled districts; (2) 50-100-bed community hospitals; (3) 200-bed regional hospital centers offering complete specialty service; (4) big-city medical teaching and research centers.

¶ Proposes that hospitals make their diagnostic facilities available to all competent doctors in the community.

¶ Urges hospitals to provide office space for doctors and to combine efforts with the medical profession to extend group practice.

¶ Recommends tightening medical staff organization to provide better supervision of physicians and higher standards of care.

¶ Proposes special inducements to draw physicians and nurses to rural areas. The inducements include regular clinics and education-

al meetings in country towns to be conducted by medical school faculty-members.

¶ Advocates Governmental cooperation to extend non-profit pre-payment plans "until some other more satisfactory and comprehensive means may be developed to meet all the needs of the people." The commission declares that any legislation making hospital care insurance obligatory "should permit its purchase from any agency, public or private, which conforms to established standards of service and operation."

¶ Favors hospital care in the same institutions for Negroes and whites. Where segregation is required by law, the report calls for facilities of equal quality for Negro patients. It proposes the admission of qualified Negro physicians to medical staffs, greater use of Negro nurses, better opportunities in medical education for Negroes.

¶ Asserts that all institutions providing overnight bed care for the sick should be licensed and subject to inspection. Only fifteen states now require hospital licenses.

¶ Calls for larger and fewer nursing schools run only by large hospitals and colleges and supported by taxes.

¶ Urges that governmental hospitals stay out of areas where other facilities are meeting the need. "Voluntary, non-profit hospitals should be used to provide care to beneficiaries of the Government wherever possible."

¶ Asks that general hospitals provide for the care of certain communicable diseases, tuberculosis, mental disorders, and chronic ail-

ments—all those cases now cared for in special hospitals.

¶ Recommends that managing boards of hospitals include consumers of hospital service.

The commission has not set up a legislative program. But observers point out that the Hospital Survey and Construction Act, passed at Congress' last session, puts some of the commission's staggering goals within reach. The \$375 million which the act provides for state-survey-approved building programs will help finance the sweeping revisions already charted in the commission's report.

Planning groups now active in every state may follow the commission's blueprint for country-town-city linking of hospitals. In other commission proposals, these groups seem to be less interested.

The report's questionable stand on compulsory hospitalization insurance, for instance, draws heated comment from some hospital men and physicians alike. And they say that opening medical staffs to Negro physicians is not so simple as it sounds. Most hospital rules require that staff members belong to their local AMA-constituent society. The proposed change will demand a revamping of either hospital regulations or of the unwritten AMA law.

Medical men connected with small hospitals show no inclination to close up shop on the strength of the commission's blueprint for "fewer and larger hospitals." Dr. A. C. Bachmeyer of Chicago, the commission's director of study, declares that the commission itself recognizes the problem as a tough one. "It is believed that integration can

be achieved in a democratic manner and without seriously interfering with the autonomy of individual institutions," he says.

The commission describes U.S. hospitals as disorganized, unrelated, and overlapping. Dr. Bachmeyer explains: "Governmental units, church bodies, philanthropists, industries, and individuals have participated in hospital construction. The diversity of these sponsoring interests has resulted in widely disparate patterns of organization, administration, and control of hospitals. There is very little coordination among hospitals. In some instances, there may even be competition."

Chairman Gates concludes: "American hospital care at present is second to none in the world. It is obvious to all in the field, however, that it has scarcely begun the progress that we are entitled to expect on the basis of past scientific progress and our present medical knowledge."

The Commonwealth Fund will

publish the commission's finished report, complete with formulas and work procedures, early in 1947.

Members of the Commission on Hospital Care include Herbert Hoover; Charles F. Kettering of General Motors; Edward L. Ryerson of Inland Steel; Sarah Gibson Blanding, president of Vassar College; Clinton S. Golden of the CIO; Matthew Woll of the AFL; and six practicing physicians. Their two-year study was financed by the Kellogg Foundation, the Commonwealth Fund, and the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Each foundation gave \$35,000. The American Hospital Association, which first proposed the commission, will collaborate with the U.S. Public Health Service in continuing the commission's program.

"Their compendium will be used as an administrative guide for years to come," said one AHA spokesman. But whether it will actually start the reforms rolling remains for the medical and hospital men to decide.

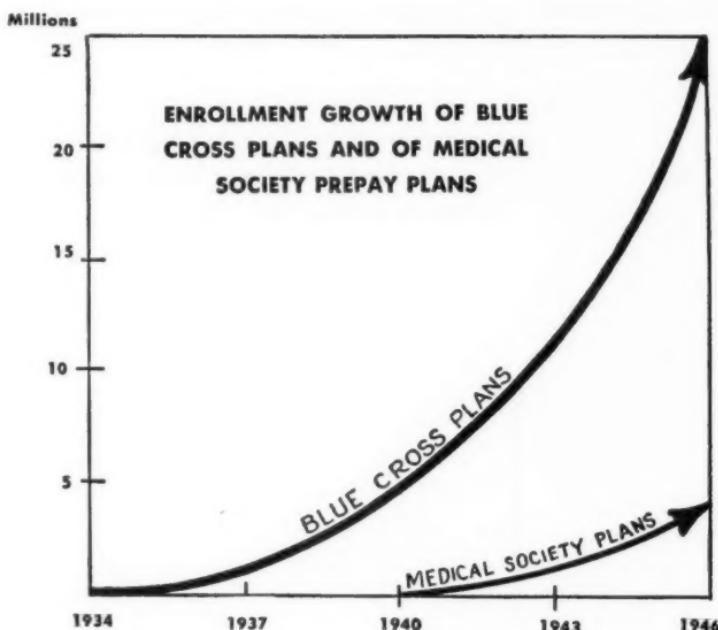
—JOHN BYRNE

Lapse and Prolapse

A patient suffering from prolapse of the uterus was waiting to see the doctor. She asked the nurse whether it would be possible for her to see the dentist in the same building, since an inlay had come loose. While the nurse (who served both men) was making the dental appointment, the examination was started.

A few moments later, the doctor turned away to make some notes on the chart. Just then the nurse stuck her head in the door way and said to the patient, "It's all right. The doctor will be able to cement it temporarily."

"Cement? Oh, no!" cried the horrified patient whose thoughts just then were wholly down yonder. —OFFICE AIDE, CALIFORNIA



Study Shows Prepay Plan Coverage

Total of 75,000 physicians now participate in plans approved by medical societies

Medical care plans approved by medical societies covered 4,083,987 persons as of Sept. 1. Enrollment had skyrocketed 45 per cent since the first of the year. Now in sight for medicine's prepayment plans is the same subscriber boom that Blue Cross has enjoyed. On Sept. 1, Blue Cross coverage totaled 24 million.

These are the most recent figures on voluntary health insurance. They stem from a MEDICAL ECONOMICS study of existing medical care plans. The study also reveals

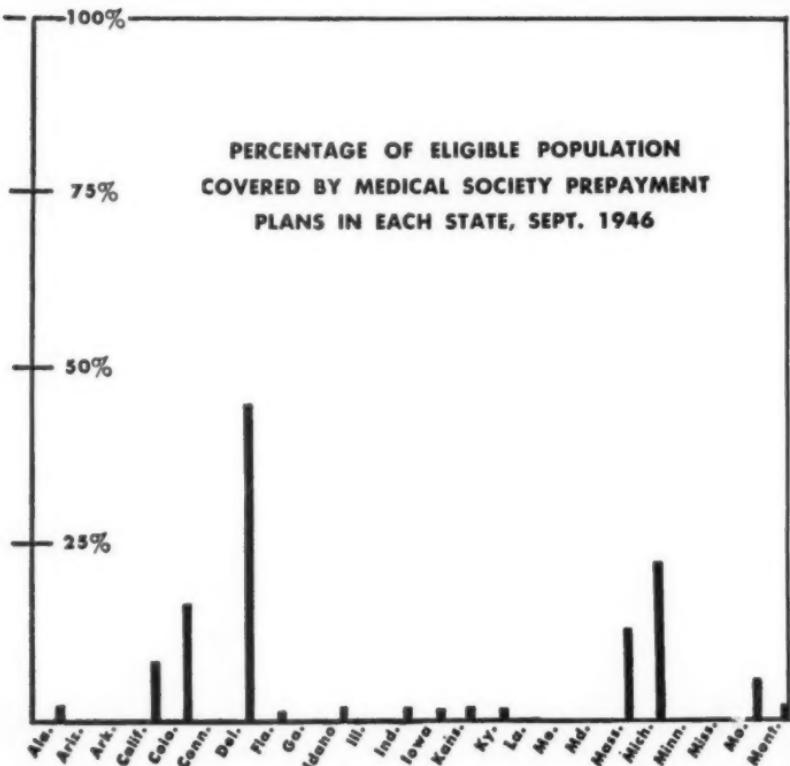
the following significant facts:

¶ Fifty-one* medical prepay plans approved by medical societies were operating on Sept. 1. Twenty-one of them started during the last two years.

¶ Seventy-five thousand doctors, or more than half of all privately practicing physicians, were participating.

¶ The largest plan, Michigan

*Washington's twenty county bureaus are counted as a single state-wide plan. Oregon Physicians Service and its four affiliated local plans are likewise counted as one.



Medical Service, covered 875,000 persons.

¶ Fastest growing of the major plans was New York's United Medical Service which boomed into second place with 496,822 enrolled. This was a 308 per cent growth in eight months.

¶ Massachusetts Medical Service, with a 405,394 enrollment, topped the seven remaining plans that covered more than 100,000.

¶ On Sept. 1, thirty states plus Hawaii had working prepayment plans approved by medical societies.

¶ Fifteen states and the District of Columbia were developing

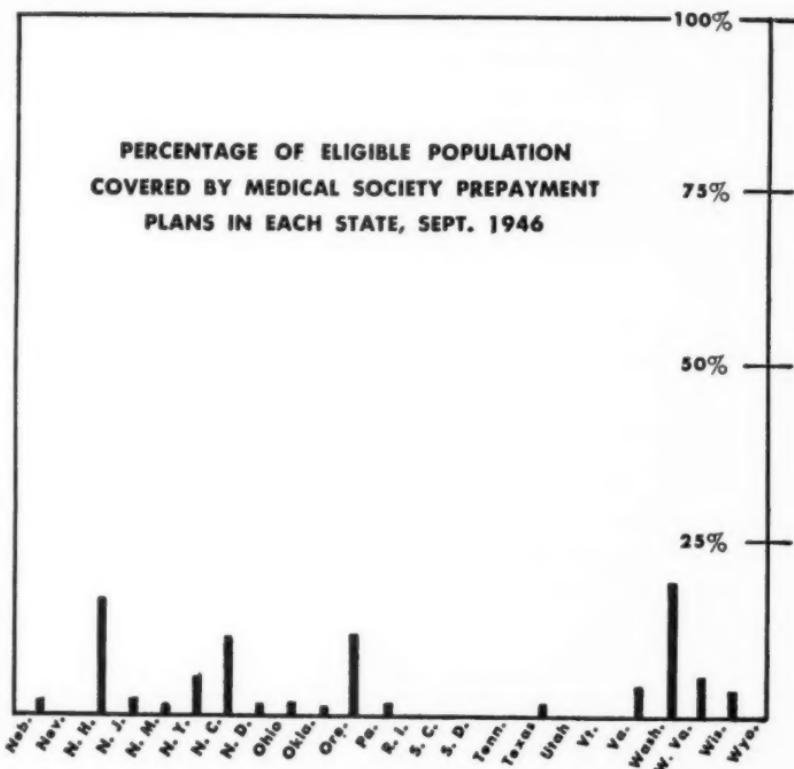
plans.

¶ Only three states had no medical care plan operating or in preparation. They were Mississippi, Nevada, and South Dakota.

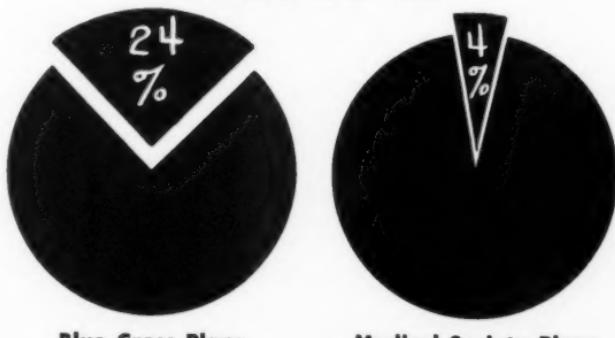
Benefits offered by the fifty-one plans vary widely, as do premiums and eligibility standards. (**MEDICAL ECONOMICS** will analyze these factors in a later issue.)

Eligible population has been estimated at 100 million, representing the number who can afford actuarially adequate premiums. Excluded are about 40 million persons who receive government care.

Plan-by-plan enrollment is shown on pages 72-73.



**PERCENTAGE OF ELIGIBLE POPULATION
ENROLLED, SEPT. 1946**



**FIFTY-ONE MEDICAL PREPAYMENT PLANS
APPROVED BY MEDICAL SOCIETIES**

State	Head-quarters City	Name of Plan	Year Organized	Enroll- ment	% of M.D.'s in Area Who Par- ticipate
				Sept. 1946	
Ala.	Birmingham	Hospital Service Corp. of Alabama	1945	36,500	100%
Calif.	Oakland	Hospital Service of California	1937	94,205	100%
	Sacramento	Intercoast Hospitaliza- tion Insurance Assn.	1941	30,000	100%
	San Francisco	California Physicians' Service	1939	278,427	83%
Col.	Denver	Colorado Medical Service, Inc.	1942	147,508	80%
Del.	Wilmington	Group Hospital Service, Inc.	1943	90,641	90%
Fla.	Jacksonville	Florida Medical Servic Corp.	1946	(Started Sept. 1)	75%
Idaho	Lewiston	Medical Service Bureau	1946	2,441	100%
Ind.	Indianapolis	Mutual Medical Insurance, Inc.	1946	(Started Sept. 1)	100%
Iowa	Des Moines	Iowa Medical Service	1945	14,471	40%
Kan.	Topeka	Kansas Physicians Service	1945	8,974	75%
Mass.	Boston	Massachusetts Medical Service	1942	405,394	90%
Mich.	Detroit	Michigan Medical Service	1940	875,000	75%
Mo.	Kansas City	Surgical Care, Inc	1943	103,360	97%
	St. Louis	Missouri Medical Service	1945	55,000	75%
Mont.	Helena	Montana Physicians Service	1946	5,000	88%
Neb.	Omaha	Nebraska Medical Service	1944	15,000	100%
N.H.	Concord	New Hampshire Physicians Service	1944	61,000	70%
N.J.	Newark	Medical Surgical Plan of New Jersey	1942	75,388	75%
N.M.	Albuquerque	New Mexico Physicians Service	1946	(Started late '46)	70%
N.Y.	Buffalo	Western New York Medical Plan, Inc.	1940	110,000	90%
	New York	United Medical Service, Inc.	1944	496,822	60%
	Syracuse	Central New York Medical Plan, Inc.	1944	8,000	75%
	Rochester	Genesee Valley Medical Care Inc.	1946	6,500	84%
N.C.	Utica	Medical and Surgical Care, Inc.	1939	65,375	90%
	Chapel Hill	Hospital Saving Assn. of N. C.	1941	105,000	100%

**FIFTY-ONE MEDICAL PREPAYMENT PLANS
APPROVED BY MEDICAL SOCIETIES**

(Cont.)

State	Head-quarters City	Name of Plan	Year Organized	Enroll-ment Sept. 1946	% of M.D.'s in Area Who Par-ticipate
N.C.	Durham	Hospital Care Assn., Inc.	1933	83,120	100%
	Durham	Medical Service Assn., Inc.	1940	52,870	100%
N.D.	Fargo	North Dakota Physicians Service	1946	5,000	98%
Ohio	Columbus	Ohio Medical Indemnity, Inc.	1945	50,000	100%
	Toledo	Community Surgical Plan	1944	54,090	100%
Okla.	Tulsa	Oklahoma Physicians' Service	1945	14,250	50%
Ore.	Salem	Oregon Physicians Service	1941	92,000	90%
Pa.	Harrisburg	Medical Service Assn. of Pa.	1940	55,127	55%
Tex.	Dallas	Dallas County Medical Plan	1940	1,518	90%
	Dallas	Group Medical and Surgical Service	1945	24,894	100%
Va.	Roanoke	Surgical Care, Inc.	1945	26,000	95%
	Richmond	Virginia Medical Service Assn.	1945	65,000	70%
Wash.	Olympia	Washington State Medical Bureau	1933	250,000	85%
W. Va.	Charleston	Medict Service, Inc.	1942	24,785	74%
	Clarksburg	Medical-Surgical Service, Inc.	1944	4,330	96%
	Fairmont	Marion County Medical Service, Inc.	1940	11,442	97%
	Huntington	Huntington Medical Service, Inc.	1944	2,980	85%
	Morgantown	Morgantown Medical-Surgical Service, Inc.	1945	1,000	95%
	Parkersburg	Medical-Surgical Care, Inc.	1944	10,737	98%
	Weston	Central W. Va. Medical Service	1941	4,503	100%
	Wheeling	W. Va. Medical Service, Inc.	1945	12,529	98%
Wis.	Williamson	Medical Assn. of Ky. and W. Va.	1938	3,900	40%
	Madison	The Wisconsin Plan	1945	30,000	95%
T.H.	Milwaukee	Surgical Care	1943	36,410	55%
	Honolulu	Hawaii Medical Service Assn.	1938	17,586	99%

Source: MEDICAL ECONOMICS study of prepayment plans, Sept. 1946.



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Bird's-Eye View of Group Practice

*Where groups are; their organization,
patients, and fiscal set-up*



Today's composite group* would consist of seven physicians. It would be located in the Midwest in a city of about 60,000. Organized as a formal partnership, each partner would receive an equal share of the group's income. Each would have a daily average of twenty patients who would pay on a fee-for-service basis. The group would be about twenty years old, have a building of its own, a plant investment of more than \$70,000, and an annual overhead of about 35 per cent.

Private medical groups in the U.S. vary greatly in size: Some have as few as three physicians; others more than 100. However smaller organizations predominate; more than half have fewer than ten physicians. The average of all, including the relatively few very large groups, is 10.3 physicians. The median, 7, gives a more accurate clue to size. Following is a tabulation of the number of participating doctors in 85 groups which furnished such data.

Geographically the Midwest still leads in number of groups, with 56 per cent of the total. The West has 24 per cent; the East, 10 per cent; and the South, 10 per cent.

A little more than half of all the groups studied are situated in medium-sized cities. Following is the distribution according to population of community:

Community Size	Percentage of Groups
Less than 25,000.....	17%
25,000-99,999.....	51
100,000-499,999.....	22
500,000 and up.....	10
	100%

An overwhelming proportion of groups included in this study are organized on a partnership basis:

Form of Organization	Percentage of Groups
Partnership, contract...	64%
Partnership, no contract.	16
Sole proprietorship ...	7
Non-profit corporation..	7
Profit corporation	6
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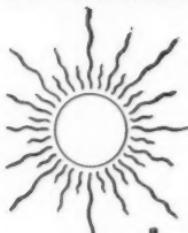
In nearly half the groups, physicians participate in earnings on a straight partnership basis.

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*For the purpose of this series of articles a group is defined as an association of private physicians offering general and specialist medical care to the public at large through the medium of a common organization which pools income and expenses and pays participating physicians on a salary, salary-and-bonus, or share basis.

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All other groups reporting distribute earnings by using a fixed salary as a base. Following is the breakdown:

Distribution of Earnings	Percentage of Groups
Partner's share	46%
Partner's share and salary.....	31
Salary and bonus	13
Salary	10
	100%

The number of patients seen daily also varies greatly, some groups reporting as few as seven per doctor, others more than 35. The average figure is 20 per doctor, contrasting with the 25 patients per day seen on the average by all doctors in the U.S., according to the Fifth MEDICAL ECONOMICS Survey (1943).

Charges are made on a fee-for-service basis in nearly nine out of ten cases:

How Patient Pays	Percentage of Groups
Fee for service only....	87%
FFS plus prepayment..	12
Prepayment only	1
	100%

The average age of surveyed groups is 20 years. Most existing groups—59 per cent—were established in the years 1916 through 1930; 9 per cent were founded prior to 1916; 31 per cent in the years 1931 through 1940. Only one group reported that it had been founded after 1940.

¶ Operating expense is reported on the average as 35.5 per cent of total income in 1946; this compares closely with the 35.9 per cent reported for all physicians in

the Fifth MEDICAL ECONOMICS Survey (1943).

¶ The average investment in plant and equipment per doctor is \$10,210.

Sixty-eight per cent of the groups occupy buildings of their own; 16 per cent have offices in a commercial office building; 11 per cent have quarters in a hospital; and 5 per cent are housed in a medical arts building.

Only 21 per cent operate their own hospitals (either in the group building or in a separate structure); most hospitals reported have fewer than fifty beds.

Ninety-six per cent of groups charge fees that they say are the same "as" those prevailing among solo practitioners in the area; 2 per cent report higher fees; and 2 per cent, lower. —ROSS C. MCCLUSKEY

► Because of increasing interest in group practice, MEDICAL ECONOMICS has undertaken an extensive study of the subject and is presenting the results in a series of articles. The preliminary report presented here is based on an analysis of 85 groups, supplemented by information received from Arthur E. Soderberg, group practice consultant, who was engaged by this magazine to visit a number of the nation's outstanding groups and to examine in detail their methods of organization and administration. More than 600 organizations have been questioned. Many of these have turned out to be small partnership or office-sharing plans rather than true group practices.

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New Depreciation Rule Permits Saving on Income Tax

*Temporary gain will be offset
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A recent ruling by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue authorizes use of a new method for computing depreciation on tax returns. Since it enables the taxpayer to claim higher annual deductions during the early life of a depreciable item, the new method appears favorable; but unless tax rates are lowered before the item has been fully written off, the apparent saving in the early years will be offset. Tax accountants who advocate use of the new method are anticipating lowered rates within the next few years.

The common way of figuring depreciation is called the straightline method. One unvarying depreciation allowance is applied to the original value of the item. Thus on a portable X-ray unit purchased at \$500 and estimated to be good for a five-year period, you would be able to claim a one-fifth (20 per cent) allowance, or \$100, annually for five years.

The new procedure is known as the declining-balance method. It uses an annual rate of depreciation, but this rate is applied to the current value of the item rather than to its value at the time of purchase. For example:

On the \$500 x-ray unit the rate

is 30 per cent (instead of the 20 per cent allowed in the straight-line method). For the first year the depreciation would amount to \$150. To arrive at the second year's allowance, you would (1) reduce the original value (\$500) by its first-year depreciation "charge-off" (\$150) thus establishing a *current* value of \$350; and (2) apply to this figure the rate of 30 per cent (which would bring his second year's allowance to \$105). The allowance for the third year would be \$73.50; for the fourth year, \$51.45; for the fifth, \$36.02. Use of this method effects a saving only for the first two years. At the end of five years the total depreciation under the declining-balance method would stand at \$415.97, as compared with the \$500 according to the straight-line procedure.

In authorizing use of the declining-balance method, the commissioner made two provisos: (1) the rate of depreciation must not exceed the straight-line rate by more than 50 per cent (if the straight-line rate, as in the above example is 20 per cent, the declining-balance rate must not be more than 30 per cent); (2) permission must be obtained to switch methods.

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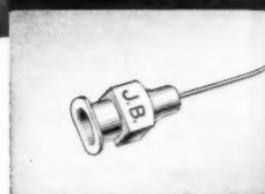
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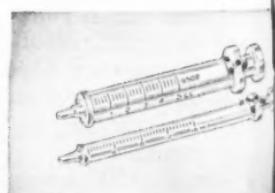
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Check-List for Office Aides

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SECRETARIAL FUNCTIONS

1. Write letters that include a touch of personal feeling yet relay a clear business or professional message.
2. Pay bills promptly; get monthly statements out on time.
3. File case histories, financial records, correspondence.
4. Check medical journal items for the doctor's attention.
5. Proofread the medical papers he prepares.
6. Transcribe letters, instructions, and case histories.

NURSING FUNCTIONS

1. Keep examination room immaculate. Sterilize instruments and gloves. Order and check laundry.
2. Budget time; be present at examinations when needed.
3. Prepare women patients for examination.
4. Get such preliminary case history data from patients as the doctor may specify.

RECEPTIONIST FUNCTIONS

1. Manage the office so that patients are kept moving.
2. Maintain a businesslike atmosphere at the reception desk, but be friendly and make patients feel at ease.
3. Be able to explain logically and convincingly the doctor's absence from the office during an emergency.
4. Organize telephone appointment requests and other incoming information for the doctor's quick inspection.
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Niacin amide	* *	10.3 mg.	10 mg.
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How Long to Keep Patients' Records

A few tests will tell you what medical and financial histories you can discard



"How long should patients' records—medical and financial—be kept?"

Nine out of ten general practitioners reply: "Permanently." Ask them why and they say, "Just in case."

But there is no reason why the records of your deceased or moved-away patients cannot be destroyed if certain precautions have been taken.

After a man has been in practice for a couple of decades he has accumulated a large number of records. Sometimes the storage problem becomes acute. Of course if you have a large attic or other suitable space, it is easy to cull your active records every three or four years to discard the histories of deceased or removed patients, and to store in suitably marked boxes the records you want to keep.

If your storage space is cramped you may have your obsolete records microfilmed at a fraction of a cent each. A film takes only 1/200th the space of an 8½" x 11" sheet; and microfilm records have the same legal standing as originals.

If "to keep or not to keep" is the question, you may apply the following tests, discarding any records that remain unchallenged:

¶ *Statute of limitations:* Keep all records until any possibility of a

malpractice suit has been obviated by the statute of limitations in your state. But remember, that statute does not begin to operate for minors until they have reached their majority.

¶ *Unpaid bills:* Keep both medical and financial records if there is a chance that you may be able to collect a bill in the future. And do not apply too rigidly the statute of limitations as it affects collection suits; you may be able to collect in other ways too. For instance, a long-departed patient who suddenly moves back into town may come back to you with a bankroll and a desire to clean up his outstanding debts.

¶ *Laws you must obey:* The narcotics act, for instance, requires that you keep records of narcotics dispensed for two years. With very little delay your county and state society can acquaint you with any other statutes that affect even indirectly the keeping of medical and financial records.

¶ *Insurance claims:* Hold on to all case histories until the statute of limitations obviates any possibility of your being called as a witness in a suit against an insurance carrier. The time period for this depends upon the state in which you practice.

—ROD BURNHAM



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Insurance Work: a Paying Sideline

*Average insurance medicine practitioner
deals with eight companies*



Seven out of ten physicians find that insurance medicine provides a worthwhile, steady source of income according to a mail questionnaire sent to doctors who have done insurance work at one time or another. The fees, they point out, are generally low considering the time involved; yet they agree that the beginner, as well as the older practitioner, is wise in taking on this type of work.

Those who have managed to make the proposition most profitable act for as many as fifteen companies. The average examiner represents about eight carriers. And approximately nine out of every ten examiners say that they would like to obtain more appointments.

Practitioners generally criticize the inadequacy of today's fees. Many feel that the companies which adhere to pre-war fee schedules (as some still are) are taking a grave risk. "Charity work is one thing," explains a New Jersey phy-

sician, "but insurance cases are something else again, and certain doctors tend to become less careful in handling low-rate cases."

The fees vary considerably from company to company, with the larger carriers usually paying the better rates. Some still pay only two to three dollars for an examination which averages thirty to forty-five minutes. If a physician (not necessarily an examiner) is asked for case-history information from his files, he cannot hope always to receive more than \$1 for supplying it; and it is this fee that has been especially subject to criticism.

The companies usually expect the doctor to meet the cost of the urinalysis and other routine laboratory tests. A great majority of examiners do this work themselves.

Opinion is sharply divided on the merits of the work as an aid to practice-building. About half of all examiners questioned say it has helped them to acquire new patients; the other half say it hasn't.

There has been some discussion in recent years about the wisdom of companies having a limited number of full-time examiners (at least in the larger cities) so that insurance-medicine might acquire specialty status. On this issue professional opinion is again divided

► Some of the facts in this article stem from interviews with insurance examiners; others, from a survey conducted recently by the Journal of Insurance Medicine.



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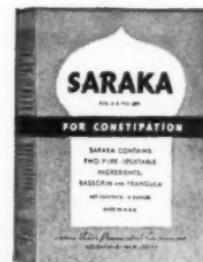
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equally. Some argue that the work is not profitable for the G.P. except on a volume basis; others hold that specialism has already gone too far.

While insurance examining is an agreeable sideline, old hands at it give warning to physicians who would take it up. Foremost among the pitfalls to guard against is the matter of dealing with company agents. About two-fifths of the physicians who have had insurance experience say that agents have attempted to influence their medical judgment. Some doctors, it is alleged, are not so firm as they should be in meeting this situation because agents are sometimes influential in helping an examiner to get appointments from other companies. Some men maintain that agent-interference is on the wane, since acceptance or rejection of an applicant is no longer so rigidly dependent upon the examiner's findings; actuarial science has developed to the point where more than 90 per cent of all applicants can be accepted on some conditional basis these authorities explain.

A number of physicians contend

that it is often the examiner's own fault when he fails to get enough cases to make the work pay. "Insurance companies are only human," argues one doctor. "They want reliable reports and they want them promptly. My own insurance practice took an upturn when I adopted the policy of reporting on the same day I examined the applicant. My promptness has led the companies to send me a great many more cases."

Not many men make the mistake of examining an applicant in the latter's home or at his place of employment. Such examinations are not likely to be so thorough as those done in the office. But again the agent's eagerness to please the applicant may cause him to push for a home examination. Most doctors questioned agree that the practice should be discouraged. "Whenever possible, the examination should be done in the physician's office where everything is available to do the job properly," says an experienced practitioner.

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The Facts on the Pediatrics Study

A report on its status, scope, aims, and the controversy it has aroused



"Do you see newborns, infants, or children under 5 years of age in your general practice?"

"How many times in the past year have you called in a pediatrician to see a sick child with you?"

"How far from your office is the nearest hospital that admits child patients?"

Practitioners the country over were answering these and similar questions last month in the first survey of its kind ever conducted by medical men. Instituted by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Study of Child Health Services is an effort "to obtain valid factual information." The academy's ultimate aim is "to make available throughout the country, improved, more evenly distributed medical care for children."

Among the more important questions the academy hopes will be answered by the study are: (1) In what localities are present services inadequate? (2) In what way should they be improved? (3) Does the country need more pediatricians, or more pediatric training for general practitioners?

With questionnaires now distributed in all but a few states, the survey is designed to reach into every U.S. community and to gather data from physicians, dentists,

hospital authorities, medical schools, public health administrators, and others. A pilot study of North Carolina, begun in September 1945, was nearing completion last month.

A considerable part of the survey is being conducted under the direction of state chairmen appointed by the academy. Full-time executive secretaries—a majority of them physicians—have been appointed to handle the distribution and collection of questionnaires in the various states. Much of this work is being done with the co-operation of state and local medical and pediatric societies.

The data, when collected and tabulated by the central office, will be broken down to the level of counties and cities of 10,000 or more population. Findings will then be submitted to the state chairmen for preparation of reports covering their areas. These reports should provide state and local groups with the factual information needed for improvement of their own services. Cooperating local groups have been informed that they "should bear in mind the possibility of using for their own purposes the material as it is collected."

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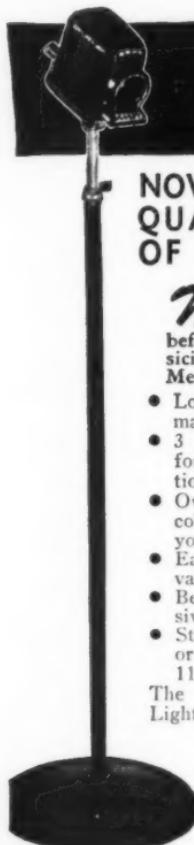
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cities for pediatric training in medical schools and teaching hospitals. All other data—including facts relating to hospital facilities, to community health services (both private and public), and to the distribution, activities, and qualifications of professional personnel—are being collected through the state organizations.

When the central headquarters was first set up in Washington, D.C., many physicians believed the survey was Government-sponsored. This belief was strengthened when it became known that the academy would receive the active cooperation of the Public Health Service and the Children's Bureau, and that office space had been provided by the PHS at its Bethesda research center.

But Dr. John P. Hubbard, director of the study, says that "It definitely is not a Government project." The director, he adds, "is paid by and is answerable to the academy. The personnel on loan from the Government agencies are under his direction. The responsibility for the success of the undertaking is in the hands of the academy."

Dr. Hubbard explains that when the membership of the academy voted in open meeting to conduct this survey "no one appreciated the enormous mass of statistical data to be gathered or the labor involved in analyzing it adequately. The academy has neither the statistical facilities nor the personnel nor the experience to undertake a task of such broad scope. Even we at the central office do not yet fully visualize all that is involved in drawing together, coding, and tabulating

information from all hospitals, medical schools, health services, and physicians throughout the country. The academy will benefit greatly by cooperating with Federal agencies, since their technical facilities are unique."

The study will cost nearly half a million dollars, the academy estimates. Part of the expense is being met directly from AAP reserve funds. Contributions have been received also from the Field Foundation (\$100,000), the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (\$116,000), and several pharmaceutical houses. In addition, the state programs are receiving financial support from county and local chapters of the NFIP, state health departments, medical and pediatric societies, local foundations, and commercial firms. The Federal Government's contribution is the loan of personnel, space, and equipment.

No date has been set for the completion of the study. The academy says that several months will be required for the tabulation and analysis of the data after they have been received at central headquarters.

Despite Dr. Hubbard's statement that the academy alone is responsible for the study, the contention persists in medical circles that Government influence will creep in somewhere. The feeling of a considerable number of private practitioners, some of them pediatricians, is summed up in the following remarks obtained by reporters for MEDICAL ECONOMICS in interviews with physicians.

Says one: "Physicians cannot
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Pediatrics Study

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forget that the Public Health Service helped draw up the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill and supported it before Congress, or that the Children's Bureau was instrumental in drafting Senator Pepper's Super-EMIC Bill and plugging for it at Congressional hearings."

Says another: "The mere fact that the study itself is not directly under Government control is beside the point. Granted that there are no shenanigans in the tabulation and analysis of the returns by PHS personnel using PHS punch cards, it is obvious that the two Government agencies will have immediate access to the results and can therefore draft and plump for remedial legislation long before the medical profession can possibly effect any material improvement. Moreover, I question how far the profession can go in bettering services. To provide the utopian plan that

seems to be the academy's goal would, in my humble opinion, mean re-educating most of our G.P.'s, adding thousands of private pediatricians and school doctors, building many children's hospitals, upping the tax-rate in many states, and heaven knows what else. A program of that magnitude is beyond the profession's means, financially and otherwise. Yet if the academy study indicates that we need such a program, what better proof do the Peppers, the Altmeyers and the Martha Eliots need for demanding Federal intervention? Haven't 'the doctors themselves,' as the academy puts it, conducted the survey? And having done so, is there any excuse they can give if they fail to achieve their well-nigh impossible goal before another Super-EMIC Bill can be introduced?"

Physicians of a less skeptical turn say they admire the academy's lofty aims, are "a little apprehensive" about the final outcome, but have decided to adopt a let's-wait-and-see policy. —ARTHUR MYER

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*T*hree times previously the mother had brought forth baby girls. This time the parents and the whispering gallery of neighbors were plainly hoping for a male heir. But in an aura of chloroform vapor, lysol fumes, and ill-concealed sighs of disappointment, a fourth girl child was ushered into the world.

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FREE BLOOD FOR EVERYBODY?

Red Cross plan to expand free blood program causes brush with medical societies



Organized medicine and the American Red Cross, wartime colleagues in blood banking, were having trouble reconverting their partnership. A New York disagreement, still of minor proportions, was a straw in the wind. In other sections of the country, physicians might soon be faced with the question: "Should blood be available without cost to everyone, or only to indigents?"

Resentment flared against alleged Red Cross plans to take over national control of the collection and distribution of blood. Medical societies in the New York City area flatly rejected a proposal that the Red Cross move into voluntary hospital blood banking. They recommended instead that the Red Cross set up a program to supply blood for needy patients in the city's municipal hospitals. This suggestion the Red Cross turned down. A committee representing both sides went into a huddle.

The American Red Cross authorizes local chapters to take part in blood banking wherever they can get medical society approval. That approval has been granted for state-wide programs in Massachusetts, Michigan, and North Dakota for regional programs in Detroit, Los Angeles, Conway, N.H.,

and Monroe, La. In these areas blood is made available to all patients without cost; physicians charge only for their services in administering the blood.

But in New York, the Red Cross' attempted expansion clashed with an existing blood bank system second to none. The Red Cross was rebuffed because it could not provide "any reasonable assurance that it is able to do the job as well as it is now being done." Said a medical society spokesman: "We believe it is not in the public interest to abandon a sound working program in favor of a speculative plan . . . Nowhere else has the Red Cross succeeded in doing what it proposes to do here."

What the Red Cross had suggested was the "pilot operation" of a blood-donor program in ten voluntary and ten city hospitals. Medical men saw a likely source of "confusion and ill feeling among sick people" if some were asked to defray the cost of the blood and some were not. Said James E. Bryan, executive secretary of the Medical Society of the County of New York: "Any plan such as that proposed by the Red Cross, which would relieve the beneficiaries of all personal obligation to compensate the hospital for the inescapable



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cost of the blood it supplies to the patient, will injure the present sources of blood for voluntary hospitals."

That put the controversy on familiar ground. Once again medicine was in a fight to confine free service to those who can't afford to pay for it.

More than 1½ million pints of blood were transfused into sick Americans during 1946. Leading light in this national activity was Blood and Plasma Exchange, Inc., a cooperative agency with headquarters in New York City. This non-profit unit today has more than 200 participating hospitals in all parts of the country. In recent weeks it has flown blood to Egypt, Nova Scotia, Miami, Denver, and the West Coast.

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Other communities—Chicago and St. Louis among them—are patterning exchange systems after the thriving original, which now handles some 50,000 pints yearly. Elsewhere, most large hospitals operate their own blood banks on the same at-cost-or-in-kind principle.

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small amounts of cash that accumulate as a result. Another sound, first mortgage on a single-family dwelling may be hard to find.

Stocks, bonds, and insurance are marketed with considerable salesmanship. Mortgages are usually not publicized but must be sought out. For this reason some small investors don't give mortgages the attention they deserve.

If you have money to invest and want a mortgage, a good source to tap may be a real estate or savings bank attorney. Such attorneys and their clients often prefer to get loans from individuals rather than from institutions.

Normally, the borrower pays for the lawyer's services and for all other expenses connected with the mortgage. The only costs to the lender lie in possible foreclosure and in property investigation by a second attorney.

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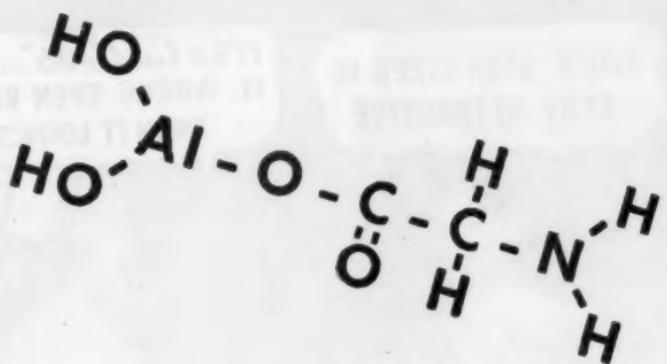
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M.D. Auto Priorities

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ferent sections have tried to work out priority plans with local dealers, but none has reported any notable success. Even more aggressive are the newly formed physician-veterans' associations.

The Physician Veterans of Bronx County, New York, for instance, declared that auto dealers are not interested in selling cars, even to veterans, except on a black market basis, a procedure it termed "a prostitution of decent business." The organization revealed that it had requested Bronx County dealers to earmark one car a month for a physician. Only one of the fifty in the county would try the plan the association declared, and "in six months the dealer gave us two cars. That was the end of our plan."

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Eight Ways to Improve Your Relations with Dentists

A dental surgeon has some ideas for closer professional teamwork



Too often a strained physician-dentist relationship can be traced to a simple misunderstanding rather than to a deliberate lack of cooperation. Physicians as a group seem to be most considerate of us dentists; those who aren't generally fail to realize that their attitude may affect the well-being of a patient who is undergoing both medical and dental treatment.

For example, a woman sent to the dentist after a cursory oral examination by her physician says, "My doctor says you should take out these three front teeth." But a careful X-ray and instrumental examination by the dentist indicates that treatment, not extraction, is necessary. When the dentist reports his findings the physician hits the ceiling: "If you don't want to take out those teeth, I'll get someone who will." Faced with this ultimatum the dentist must either surrender the case or continue with a procedure that seems to him as foolish as the amputation of a foot to cure an aching corn.

Situations of this kind are avoided if the physician communicates with the dentist direct. A note or a phone call will almost certainly result in a cooperative effort from which the patient, as well as both

practitioners, will be better off.

Much friction between the two professions could also be eliminated if more physicians understood clearly what dentists expect, and need, in the way of cooperation. Here are some suggestions:

Give the dentist credit for knowing his specialty. To make decisions of a strictly dental nature, the experienced, well-trained dentist is better qualified than the average M.D.

When you suspect dental infection, ask for a complete dental examination (including X-rays) and a diagnostic report.

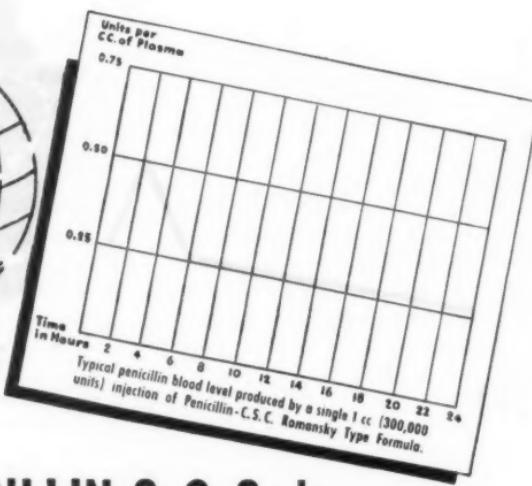
Remember that X-ray has limitations as an aid in diagnosing dental conditions. Often a physician will ask a patient to bring in his dental X-rays, then send the films back to the dentist (via the patient) after marking the teeth he believes should be removed. No reliable dentist would attempt to diagnose a case by study of films alone; nor should a physician.

Let consultation be encouraged in periodontal cases. As a rule the dentist should then have the physician's report on the patient's general physical condition.

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Dentist Relations

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enlightened physician and dentist cooperate closely. Without change in dietary habits, the control of dental caries may be impossible. And unless the dentist first consults with the patient's physician, he may prescribe diet that conflict with his medical treatment.

Another excellent opportunity for joint effort is present in obstetrical cases. During pregnancy, when gums often bleed easily, the physician sometimes suspects that a woman has gingivitis or Vincent's infection. A careful dental examination will prove whether or not the condition is a temporary one that will clear up after delivery.

In the new field of psychosomatic dentistry, the dental profession is especially dependent upon psychiatrists; and every effort should be made to encourage joint treatment. How important this can be is illustrated by a recent case: A woman going through menopause had several sets of teeth made before the dentist discovered why she had found them all unsatisfactory. He sent her to a psychiatrist, and after her emotional strain had been lessened by treatment, the dentist had no difficulty in providing a satisfactory denture.

Dentists, by spotting incipient disease, are influential in sending many patients to physicians before it is too late. Physicians can reciprocate by referring patients to their dentists when examination and prophylaxis are plainly indicated.—DOUGLAS W. STEPHENS, D.D.S.



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WHITE HOUSE PHYSICIAN

By Vice-Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the Navy. 244 pages. G. P. Putnam's Sons. \$3.

The man who accompanied President Roosevelt on every trip he made, both at home and abroad, adds an M.D.'s contribution to the growing mass of FDR lore. Ross McIntire's book reflects the fact that he was far more than a White House physician. He was an intimate friend with whom, twice a day, the late President would talk freely. "White House Physician" is a simple synthesis of FDR's medical record and his after-hours commentaries.

Admiral McIntire tackles the rumor-ridden question of the former Chief Executive's health. "The President," he says, "never had a stroke, never had any serious heart condition, never underwent operations other than those for the removal of a wen and the extraction of an infected tooth." The author describes how one garrulous physician who spread "malignant malady" tales was tracked down and very nearly prosecuted. He portrays his losing struggle to keep the President on an exact regimen and describes FDR's personal fight against paralysis (still an inspiring case-history).

The book shows the slick professional touch of collaborator George

Creel when it goes behind the political scene. FDR's reasons for running in 1940 and 1944, his off-the-record reactions at Casablanca, Quebec, Teheran, and Yalta, and his comments on his "kitchen cabinet," are made fresh and highly readable. M.D.'s who find "White House Physician" on their Christmas tree won't be in any hurry to get down to the exchange counter.

DEBATE HANDBOOKS

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Medical care is the 1947 debate topic for America's high school students. Before the year is out, physicians who haven't gotten around

to crystallizing their views may find themselves hard-pressed by youthful interrogators. To M.D.'s, the three handbooks listed above offer a certain self-protection value as well as highly provocative reading.

The NUEA's "Medical Care" is the best. It contains twenty-one articles written especially for the occasion, plus a sizeable spate of reprints. Physician-readers are, however, apt to get an uncomfortable early impression that the pros are being favored.

Dr. Ernst P. Boas and Michael M. Davis fill large chunks of Volume I with statements along the lines of "This bill [W-M-D] does not affect the present set-up of medical practice," and "The publicity [that voluntary plans] have received its entirely out of proportion to their actual accomplishment.

ment." Martha Eliot, Arthur J. Altmeier, and Leo Linder add their voices to the Federal medicine chorus. You may begin to wish that Dr. Lowell S. Goin had written seventy pages on "Compulsory vs. Voluntary Plans" instead of seven— even though those seven are the most lucid in the book.

But it all comes right in Volume II of "Medical Care." Dr. Allan M. Butler's "Minority Views" are more than compensated by the telling rebuttals of Dr. Louis H. Bauer and the American Bar Association. The finale is almost no contest. For "The Case for Public Medicine," the editors chose a piece written by Dr. Joseph Slavit in 1935. Closing speaker for private medicine is, oddly enough, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which manages nicely.

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younger men as examiners. In fact, some encourage resignation after five or ten years of service. Nevertheless many an older man can still take on insurance work.

The simplest and most direct method of securing an appointment is to write to a home office medical director. Another method is to have a local agent propose your name when he knows that an opening exists or is impending. Few appointments are made without a thorough investigation of the applicant's qualifications, though agents sometimes seek any local doctor's services in an emergency when the reg-

ular examiner is not available. Since emergency work may lead to an appointment, it is well to establish contact with agents in your community.

How many cases you will get is often less dependent upon the size of the company than upon the productivity of the local agent in writing new policies. It should be remembered that some agents, even though they represent one or more well known companies, devote a considerable part of their time to real estate and other interests in addition to selling life insurance. Thus it may be more profitable for an examiner to work for companies represented locally by a solicitor who handles insurance exclusively.

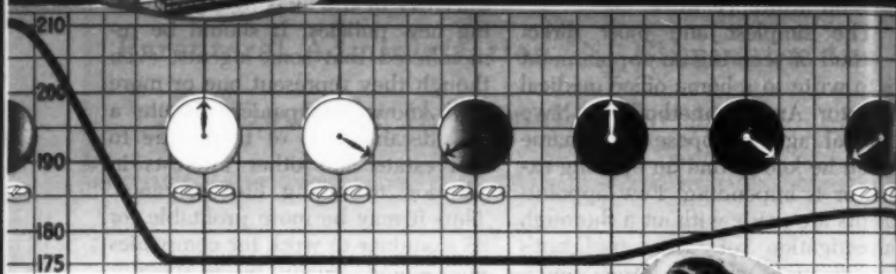
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The Case of the Vanishing Nurse

The why of the nursing shortage, and what M.D.'s can do about it



In headlines across the country, the story has been told. Graduate nurses by the thousands no longer want to nurse.

In Hartford, Conn., the state police department took on seven new members for its women's division. Five of them turned out to be R.N.'s changing professions for a \$1,900-a-year job.

In Chicago a department store added a new saleswoman: a nurse who formerly had worked in its medical department. She reported that the change had brought her a 250 per cent salary increase, and, for the first time, "a life of my own."

In New York depleted nursing staffs forced eighty-five hospitals to shut down a total of 2,091 patient beds. Other cities reported similar crises.

Everywhere it took increasing cajolery for physicians to obtain twenty-four-hour private nursing care for seriously ill patients. Many hospitals were operating with skeleton nursing staffs.

► Anne M. Goodrich, R.N., author of this article, was formerly associate editor of *R.N.*, top-circulation magazine in the nursing field.

By one accepted standard each hospital patient should have three hours of nursing care out of every twenty-four. Today the average is thirty-five minutes.

Fingers have been pointed lately at a Department of Labor forecast made in 1942. The department is accused of having "crystallized-it-up" then by predicting a 21,000 surplus of registered nurses by 1948.

Yet in one sense the department was dead right. In 1940 the country had 286,000 graduate nurses. Between 1940 and 1945, 163,000 new graduates joined their ranks. Even the normal attrition caused by marriage and old age should have left a comfortable margin beyond the 359,500 that the National Nursing Council says are needed today.

Instead, only 317,800 nurses are "available." And that figure includes 37,900 released from the armed services and 35,600 students slated for graduation in 1946, many of whom will certainly shift into other fields.

In short, there are plenty of registered nurses; but a good 100,000 of them are not nursing.

Physicians can expect the problem to get worse before it gets better. The National Nursing Coun-

cil's committee on careers in nursing set a goal of 40,000 student-nurses for this year's classes. Yet early this fall 70 per cent of the classes were still unfilled. Most schools have fallen far short of their quotas.

Between 1940 and 1945, dwindling nursing staffs in U.S. hospitals had to cope with a total of 500,000 new beds. Nor did they get extra help. The total number of practical nurses and attendants in the same hospitals dropped 8,000, causing a still greater strain on the nurses who remained. In some hospitals today staff resignations are a daily occurrence.

Can the trend be reversed? One large city's department of hospitals showed that it could, almost overnight. The department published a new directive guaranteeing nurses a starting salary of \$2,400 a year with two meals a day supplied. It called for a 40-hour, five-day week; twenty-five days of vacation, seven holidays, and fourteen days sick leave a year. Within six weeks the department added 481 R.N.'s to its staff. Physicians who have set up similar standards in their own offices have been swamped with applicants.

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But more than higher pay is needed to turn the tide. An abridged version of the nurse's work-week seems in order. The prevailing forty-eight-hour week does little to gain recruits. In fact, it seriously curbs enrollment of student-nurses once they comprehend that an eight-hour day can easily become twelve hours of confinement to the hospital because of "split hours."

The specter of old-age insecurity steers others away from the profession. Hospitals, most of them non-profit institutions, rarely provide nurse employees with any sort of retirement benefits. Private-duty

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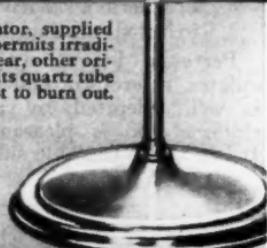


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The Vanishing Nurse

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nurses find this factor even more compelling. Their salaries, unlike those of most nurses, have kept pace with the cost of living (they rose from a prewar \$5-\$6 per twelve-hour day to a current \$7-\$9 for an eight-hour shift). But in most states private-duty nurses are listed among the self-employed and cannot share the old-age protection available to most salaried professional women.

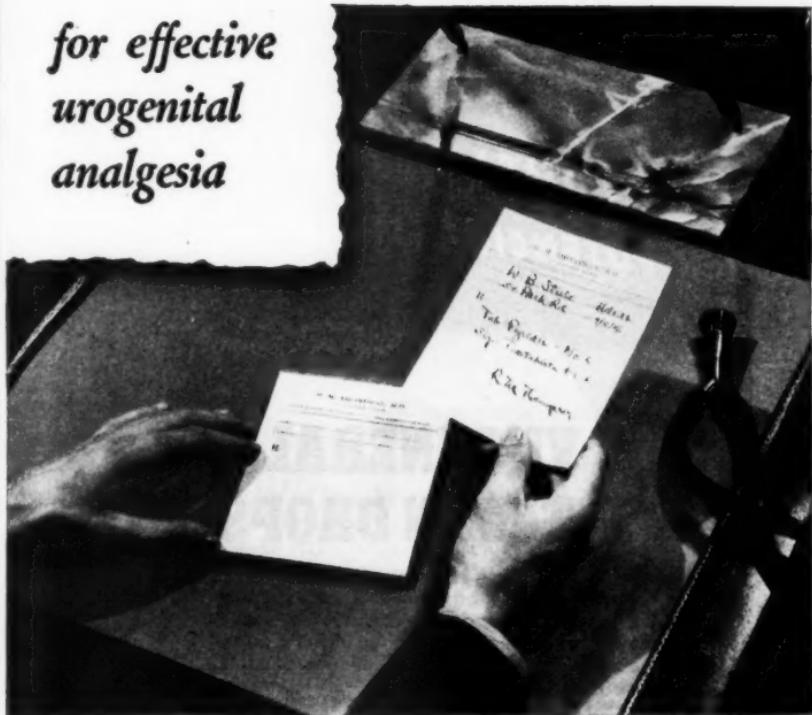
Many physicians have discovered that the post-war R.N. is newly conscious of her professional status. In the Army and Navy she was treated as an officer. In a factory she is classed as an executive. The Veterans Administration gives full recognition to her professional standing. By contrast she may find home and hospital nursing a curb on her initiative.

In some institutions the menial chores long associated with nursing are being performed by extra ward-maids and orderlies. Nurses' aides, though of little help in real emergencies, free trained nurses for more essential work.

Last month registered nurses were bringing a new weapon to bear. The American Nurses Association, meeting at Atlantic City, voted unanimously for a vigorous program of collective bargaining. At the same time, both the CIO and AFL were attempting to move in as regular members of nursing's household. R.N. unions already exist in Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, and other large cities.

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Compulsory health insurance would saddle the U.S. physician with a year-in-year-out patient load equal to that experienced during the wartime doctor shortage.

If no increase in patients' demands for service occurred, Federal medicine would probably require of U.S. general practitioners some 690 million professional visits each year. It would mean an average of 21.3 visits a day, 324 days a year for each family physician. This estimate is based on three factors: the number of visits required each year by the average person; the number of physicians available to carry the load; the average number of working days per year per physician.

Under the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill, 85 per cent of the population would be covered from the moment of the plan's adoption. Ultimately the entire population, excluding the armed forces, would be included. Thus, 138 million persons would be entitled to unlimited general practitioner service and to such specialist service as the G.P.'s recommended.

In 1933 Drs. R. I. Lee and L. W. Jones, in a study of "The Fundamentals of Good Medical Care" for the Committee on the Costs of Medical Care, estimated that the average person requires 4.5 general practitioner visits during the year.

Their figure makes no allowance for the aging of the population since 1933 or for the resulting increase in the incidence of ailments requiring medical care. A recent report by New York State's Legislative Commission on Medical Care says that the increase in professional visits required by the aged has almost offset any lessened demand resulting from the use of new drugs.

Malingering would probably increase the total number of visits by 10 per cent. Therefore, under Federal medicine it is estimated that the average person would require five visits per year. Thus,

► Elizabeth W. Wilson, Ph.D., the author of this analysis, was formerly an associate actuarial mathematician in the Social Security Administration. A previous article by her, entitled, "Your Income Under Federal Medicine," appeared in October MEDICAL ECONOMICS. Miss Wilson assumes here that most doctors, ostensibly given their choice under Federal medicine, would practice on a fee-for-service basis. How much greater their work load would be if they were led to practice for capitation fees can be imagined.

with 138 million persons ultimately covered, U.S. family doctors would be responsible for some 690 million home and office visits every twelve months.

How many G.P.'s would be available to provide this service? Before the war there were about 132,000 U.S. physicians in private practice. This number included 36,000 full-time specialists. In the past four years there has been a net increase of about 8,000 doctors. But the armed services expect to need a much greater number of physicians than the 2,100 who were on active duty before the war. Other agencies, particularly the Veterans Administration, have substantially increased their staffs. Passage of the Hill-Burton Bill promises to lure many into hospital administrative jobs. Industrial medicine has at-

tracted many new men into that field. A Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, if enacted, would require the services of several thousand doctors (possibly as many as 10,000) for administrative work. By providing for an expansion of existing public health services and for grants-in-aid for medical education and research, Federal medicine most certainly would increase the number of doctors now employed in these fields.

The number of G.P.'s available for panel service probably would not exceed 100,000, even including those specialists who might be forced back into general practice should the program arbitrarily limit specialism. Each of those 100,000 physicians, on the average, would therefore be responsible for 6,900 professional visits a year.

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A healthy, active physician might be able to manage such a load temporarily (during the war, M.D.'s averaged 25 visits a day). But eventually those unable or unwilling to stand the pace would begin to fall below the required 21.3 estimate. This would increase the burden on the others.

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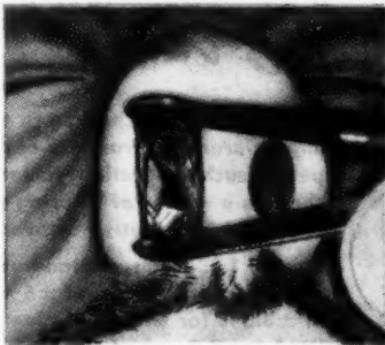
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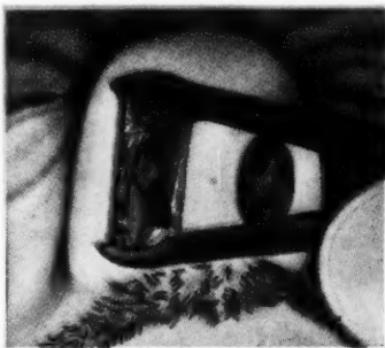
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Malpractice from the Standpoint of the Patient's Lawyer

Attorney wants negligence cases brought into the open



A malpractice suit does not differ fundamentally from any other law suit based upon charges of negligence. The law, however, makes it more difficult to prove malpractice than to prove ordinary negligence. No matter how bad the result of a physician's work, the plaintiff's attorney cannot use that result to prove the doctor's negligence. Negligence must be established by the expert testimony of other physicians. Thus the law affords the negligent physician much greater protection than it gives the defendant in an ordinary negligence suit.

Statutes of limitation also help to protect the physician. In California, for example, a suit for malpractice must be instituted within a year after the act of omission or commission. Frequently the twelve months have elapsed before the patient concludes that his physician has been guilty of negligence.

► Presented here by special arrangement with the Los Angeles County Medical Association, Mr. F. Murray Keslar's remarks offer a stinging challenge to physicians.

I have two criticisms to make of physician-defendants: (1) They invariably refuse to admit any possibility of negligence. (2) They, their insurers, or their medical-society colleagues often attempt to defeat the plaintiff's rightful claim by illegal pressure tactics.

The lawyer who files a malpractice suit may be ostracized by local physicians. Bringing suit against one doctor is often viewed by the others as a personal affront.

Members of the medical profession should realize that the law requires a negligent physician to pay for his negligence. If all doctors lived up to the Hippocratic Oath, we would have few malpractice suits.

I admit that one lawsuit won by a plaintiff may bring an avalanche of other suits. Consequently before filing suit it is important that a lawyer exercise sound judgment in determining (1) whether the physician actually was negligent; (2) whether his negligence resulted in injury to the patient; (3) whether there was any contributory negligence on the part of the patient. Only when the attorney is satisfied that all the elements of malpractice are present should he bring suit. Then, in justice to his client, he

should carry the suit to as successful a conclusion as possible.

The average doctor says, in effect, "I cannot guarantee a good result. It is too bad that the result was not as expected. But I used my best judgment."

Any fair-minded physician will agree that a doctor is negligent if he fails to have X-rays taken to determine the existence of a suspected fracture. Yet many cases arise in which the physician does not make use of this diagnostic procedure when it is available.

Recently in Los Angeles a man who had gangrene in one of his legs was sent to the hospital. After an operation had been performed, it was discovered that the wrong leg had been amputated. That was a clear case of negligence (which, incidentally, cost the insurance company \$35,000). It and the following cases prove that physicians do not always exercise skill and care they should:

¶ In dressing a wound at a patient's home a physician used ordinary cologne to cleanse the cut and a towel as a bandage. When infection set in it became necessary to amputate the patient's hand.

¶ A man with an infection in one eye became totally blind after a surgeon removed the wrong eye.

¶ A man who had suffered severe head burns was wearing a tightly wound bandage when he came to the doctor. In attempting to cut away the bandage, the physician slashed off the man's ear.

It is hard to believe that such flagrant negligence exists. Yet the cases I have cited are typical of a number on record in our larger cities.

It has been said that plaintiffs can "buy" physicians to give expert testimony. In my opinion, it is far easier for defendants to buy such medical testimony. A doctor who testifies against another is likely to be ostracized; protection of the profession as a whole is often used as an argument to get testimony for a defendant.

In every case I have had to date (and I am not alone in this regard), medical men have testified that the defendant was not guilty of negligence; then, under cross-examination, when they have not been able to justify the defendant's acts, these expert witnesses have either admitted that the defendant should have acted otherwise, that they themselves would have acted otherwise, or that no reputable physician would have acted thus.

A physician once promised to testify as an expert witness in behalf of a plaintiff-client of mine. He had examined the plaintiff and was convinced that the man was suffering from an injury resulting from malpractice. Before the case came to court, I made the mistake of revealing the name of my witness, who was on the faculty of a leading medical school. When it became known the night before the trial that he was to appear as an expert for the plaintiff, he was informed that he would be discharged from the faculty if he testified.

In another case about a year ago, I was careful not to reveal the name of the doctor who was to appear for my plaintiff-client. During a short court recess another physician with whom I was talking received a telephone call. I was

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sitting so close to the phone that I heard both sides of the conversation. The caller asked if the physician knew anyone who could prevail upon my witness not to testify further in my client's behalf. Later in the day my witness received several calls from persons who advised him that he was "getting in bad" with the medical association for testifying against a fellow doctor.

Every expert witness I have ever had has been subjected to pressure of this kind and every attorney of my acquaintance who has ever represented a malpractice plaintiff has had the same experience.

A few years ago, in cross-examining an expert witness for the defense (a physician who originally had promised to testify in behalf of my plaintiff-client but had

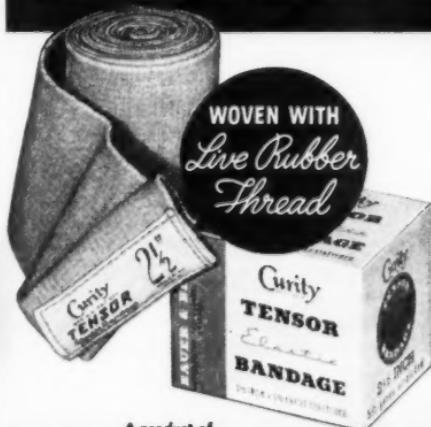
reneged), I asked this question: "Is it not a fact, Doctor, that a certain physician got you to change your intended testimony?" His unexpected reply was, "No, the insurance company did."

It is common knowledge that insurance companies often threaten to revoke a physician's malpractice policy if he testifies for a plaintiff. In many instances such threats are sufficient to prevent court-fearing physicians from becoming witnesses in cases which they honestly believe are legitimate.

Malpractice should be brought out into the open. Good doctors should not have to carry the load that negligent physicians place upon them. Attorneys should be sure that any case they are called upon to handle is a legitimate one.

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PHS Survey

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vided by the taxpayer or through increased charges to paying patients. Hospital plans increase the ability of communities to support hospital facilities. Undoubtedly, medical plans that have large coverage will increase the ability of communities to support the medical personnel they need."

But will voluntary plans be able to meet national health needs? The PHS survey takes a dim view.

Says Mr. Reed "An answer requires definition of national health needs. It appears that the public wants and needs prepayment arrangements that provide a comprehensive service. Just how comprehensive is not clear, but adequate requirements probably include hospitalization, physicians' services, nursing and dental care. Plans must assure good quality service, organized and delivered efficiently. They should cover the whole population.

"Virtually no country in the world has been able to achieve this objective completely. Under no circumstances could it be achieved in this country in a short time. When we compare the present plans with this ultimate objective, it is apparent that they fall short in important respects."

Where do present plans fail to measure up to the need? Mr. Reed sums up PHS opinion: "Present plans provide only limited coverage—hospitalization, surgery, obstetrics, and to some extent medical calls in the hospital. It is true that the plans have expanded the scope of their service in the past. Eventually they may be able to



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provide a comprehensive service. But at present rate of development, this evolution probably will take a long time."

Prepayment benefits should be in the form of service, the PHS survey states. It criticizes medical plans for banking heavily on indemnity allowances that "do not provide a complete or satisfactory protection." Present hospital plans do provide their benefits largely on a service basis the survey finds, and it designates this to the medical profession as an example worth emulating.

Mr. Reed further scores prepay plans for lack of concern with quality: "The present plans affect very little the quality of hospital or medical service. In general they merely pay the bills, leaving hospitals and doctors much as before. But any plan that provides benefits on a service basis cannot avoid affecting the quality of service, for good or for evil. It cannot avoid concerning itself with the control of excessive or unnecessary services and with the effective organization of physicians to provide services.

"Present medical plans frequently have few lay persons on their boards. But the ideal plan is one in

which economic and fiscal aspects of prepayment are under the control of the public. After all the purpose of prepayment is to serve the public, and the public foots the bill. Hospital plans have in the last few years taken important steps toward giving the public a greater voice in their control."

What does the future hold for medical prepay plans? As an indication, the PHS survey points to the prepaid hospitalization trend. "Blue Cross plans have gone further than their fondest supporters ten years ago dared hope. They have enrolled about 17 per cent of the civilian population. In some states they are enrolling the population rapidly. In Rhode Island people are joining at the rate of over 20 per cent of the population a year. The rate of enrollment in the states with the highest percentages already enrolled shows acceleration rather than decline.

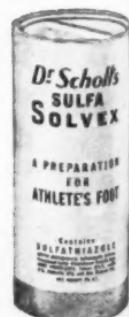
"In many urban and rural communities in the northeastern and middlewestern states, hospitalization plans have enrolled 50 or 60 per cent or more of the total population. In the south, plans have made little progress; only a fraction of the population is enrolled.

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The obstacles to enrollment of the entire population, according to the PHS survey, are these:

¶ A considerable share of the population cannot afford the subscription cost. This segment becomes greater as the benefits become more comprehensive (and the cost higher).

¶ Many who could afford medical prepayment do not, through ignorance, indifference, or inertia, become subscribers.

¶ The processes of education that the plans conduct through their enrollment campaigns are necessarily limited. Much time will be required to enroll all those who can be enrolled.

"Consideration of these factors," says the PHS, "indicates that the plans by themselves never will be able to enroll the entire self-supporting population in any reasonable

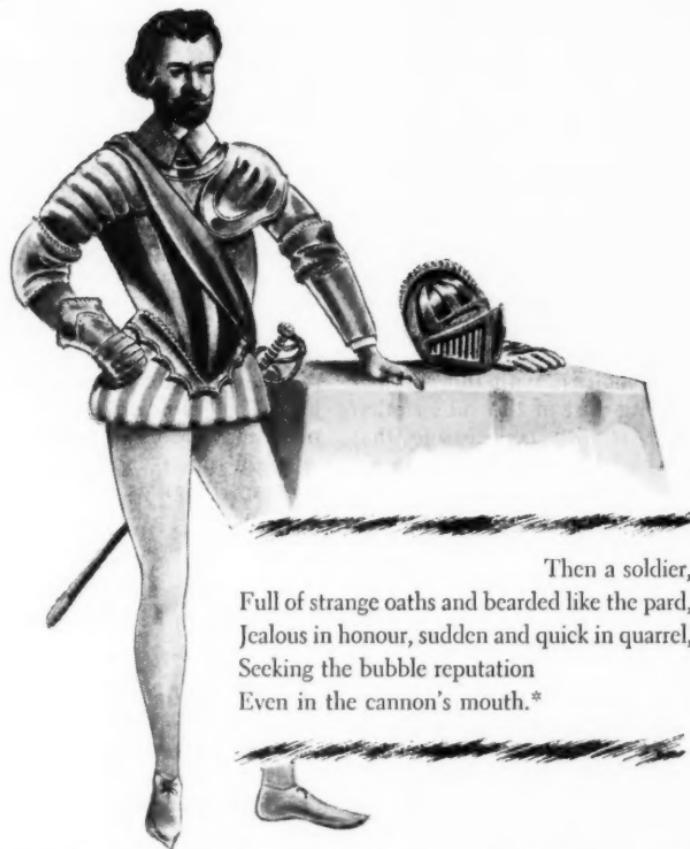
ANSWERS TO PRONUNCIATION QUIZ

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able period of time, though in some states they will make appreciable headway in that direction."

What's the answer? Mr. Reed indicates that it's outside the scope of the PHS survey. But he adds:

"The Blue Cross plans have suggested federal grants-in-aid to state-approved voluntary plans. Some have suggested that the Government might require certain groups to enroll in prepayment plans (people being free to select the plan of their choice), with the employers paying part of the subscription cost. It is also conceivable that with a high degree of Governmental cooperation and assistance the plans might be able to reach vir-

tually the entire population."

Meanwhile, Mr. Reed makes it clear that existing prepayment plans must occupy a central place in future planning for the health care of the population:

"These plans are going concerns that have the confidence of the public, the hospitals, and the medical profession. They have staffs skilled in the operation of prepayment and in the payment of hospitals and physicians. They have reserves that are by no means trifling. The problem of how these plans may be used, supplemented, or built upon by a Government program deserves increased attention."

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The poor man nearly fainted. That it was a case of mistaken identity never occurred to him. He thought that Doctor Johnson had just been keeping the bad news from him. Finally the chief nurse came tearing down the corridor and got things straightened out.

But it took the staff a long time to forget. The patient was chairman of the hospital board.

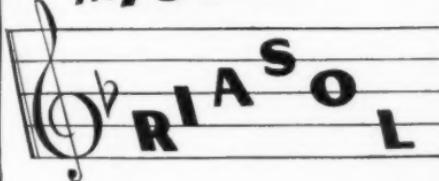
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From Ruby Stevenson, Corona Del Mar, California:

"It is a severe disillusionment to discover that modern doctors have developed into hard-headed businessmen, more concerned with observing the tenets of the American Medical Association (that trust so fiercely defended by Dr. Fishbein) than with attending to the aches and pains of the patient.

"After a patient has been duly examined by a hard-faced nurse who decides his financial status is satisfactory, and if his ailment is sufficiently unusual, the doctor *may* show interest in the case.

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From a man in Schwenkville, Pennsylvania:

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From a resident of San Francisco:

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"I know this is an age of specialization, of doctors' offices run like factories, and of elaborate files to take the place of the old-time family doctor's memory. Maybe the man I refer to was merely being true to his era. Maybe my new doctor (in spite of his shiny downtown office and up-to-the-minute skill) is a throwback to a period that is as dead as my parents are.

"But this is also the age of psychosomatic medicine, of consideration of 'the organism as a whole.' Isn't part of the organism the pa-

tient's self-confidence and self-esteem? Doesn't it help the patient's cure to be regarded as a fellow-human instead of as a number in the physician's file?"

From Selma Schupper, New York City:

"Our doctor fancies himself as another Mr. Anthony; and his intelligent patients resent it. If a physician wants to practice psychology, all right. But let him at least be subtle about it. Not all of us, when we go to a doctor, enjoy being asked about our love life or about our subconscious.

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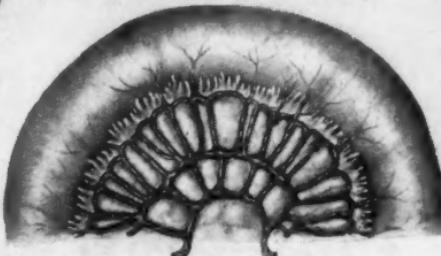
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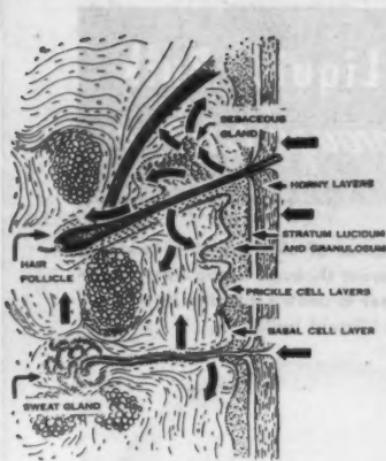
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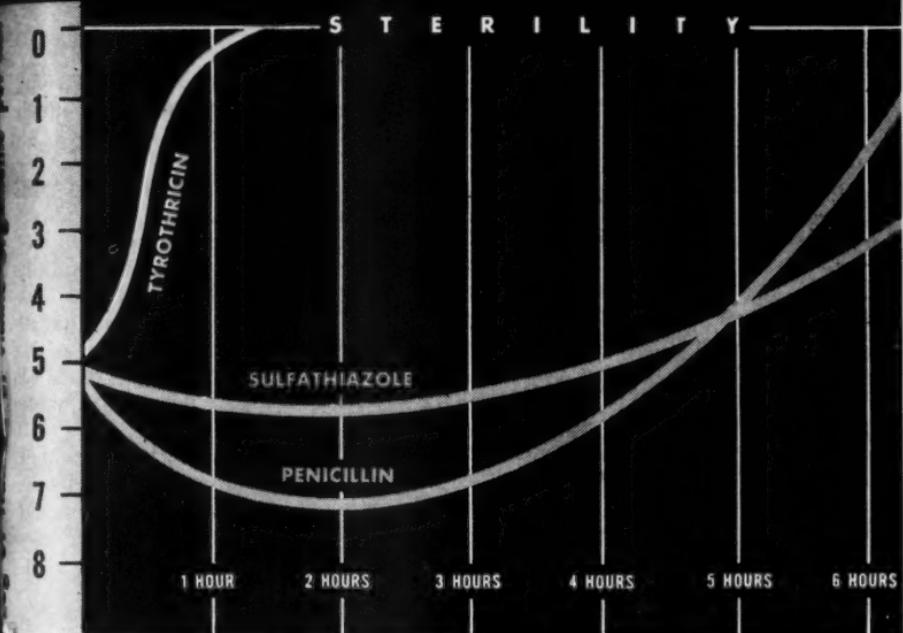
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The Patient Sounds Off

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faddist doctors who are always trying out some new marvel of technique or treatment on the long-suffering patient."

From Helen Schulman, Brooklyn, New York:

"It's my doctor's fear of discussing fees with me that I don't like—particularly when I'm faced with a series of treatments. If I bring up the subject, he tries to avoid it, then hesitates, and finally makes a vague answer. All questions about money embarrass him.

"I understand that ethics forbid him to be concerned purely with money. But, after all, he does charge for his services and I do

have to pay for them. So why shouldn't I know just how much they will cost me?"

From a resident of New York City:

"The last doctor I went to believed in silent treatment. The only question he ever asked me was whether I had had an anesthetic before, and he asked that just as the anesthetist prepared to put the mask over my face. He never even wrote a history of my case.

"Such questions as I asked either embarrassed him or aroused his resentment. The only answer I could wring out of him was that he was giving me neither sulfa nor penicillin.

"How many physicians are that way?"

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GLYCO-Thymoline helps to soothe mucous membranes of the mouth, nose and throat irritated by simple colds and sore throats. Used regularly, this mild, pleasant tasting solution helps to keep the membranes in clean, vigorous condition during the season for widespread colds.

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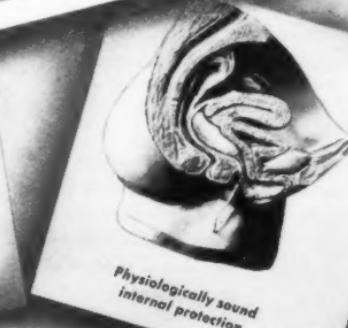
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Conveying Medicine's Point of View to the Public

Michigan physicians offer cues on public relations



"Organized medicine has the public welfare at heart, but this remains to be demonstrated to the people." Thus the Michigan State Medical Society sums up the challenge now facing the profession.

Readers of this magazine are familiar with the aims of the AMA public relations program under the direction of Raymond T. Rich. But what of the medical societies in the various states? How can they best undertake the job of winning popular understanding, respect, and support? Michigan's medical society has one of the best state programs there is. A quick review of its operation brings to light a number of practical ideas:

Michigan developed its program after a year of work with Hugh W. Brenneman, a professional public relations counsel. The pattern is based largely on a public opinion survey made by the advertising firm of Foote, Cone & Belding, showing that:

1. The public believes most doctors are doing a good job.
2. A few people complain that some doctors "overcharge" or are "dishonest" or "keep patients waiting too long."
3. The public wants medical security.

4. People favor—when they know there is a choice—a prepayment plan sponsored by doctors.

The Michigan society, in its preliminary planning, gathered a mass of data on medical practice in the state, on distribution of physicians in urban and rural areas, on the effectiveness of Michigan Medical Service, and on the quality of general and specialist care. It studied medical service costs, medicine's cooperation with non-medical groups in promoting public health, and medicine's relations with other professions. Guided by these studies, the society then set up its public relations policy.

Responsibility for the program is vested in the council of the society. The council delegates the work to two special committees that operate in conjunction with Mr. Brenneman. The committee on public relations is concerned with the actual working program; the committee on legislation investigates bills concerned with health and its reports are used in preparing appeals for public support of, or opposition to, the proposed measures.

In a message to every physician in the state, the Michigan society has outlined its public relations goals. The more important ones:

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8 to 32 Times
AS EFFECTIVE AS QUININE



Tablets of 0.25 Gm.,
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of 100 and 1000 tablets

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¶ To publicize progress toward high-quality medical care.

¶ To explain the steps being taken toward wider distribution of medical care.

¶ To educate the public in matters of personal health and to promote cooperation of the people and the professions in a constructive health program.

¶ To further the society's pre-payment plan and endeavor to provide wider coverage in its policy. (This plan, the largest in the country, covers 875,000 persons of an estimated 4,043,000 eligible.)

¶ To oppose a system of Federal medicine inimical to the public and to the profession.

¶ To investigate all health legislation and report on its value.

¶ To bring about public understanding of the basis of medical costs.

¶ To encourage physicians to locate in Michigan—particularly in rural communities. (The state's physician-patient ratio is 1:4,137; some 1,300 additional physicians are needed at once.)

¶ To assist in local campaigns to obtain medical facilities.

¶ To expose medicine rackets.

¶ To encourage post-graduate medical study.

¶ To urge young men to enter the medical and health professions.

Called "the most effective medium" of promoting good public relations, the individual doctor is asked to adhere to the established policies of the MSMS in contacts with patients or friends or in speaking from public platforms.

The society has expressed its policies in a booklet issued to every member of the society. An official stand has been taken on eighteen subjects. Following are the most important:

The AMA "is a great scientific and educational organization."

The Public Health Service "should concern itself with the public's health and advise both the people and the medical profession on public needs; its service ends where medical care begins."

The Government "has a prerogative and duty to encourage institutions for medical study and research according to instructions it has received by law."

Control of the medical profession by government "should be limited to the statutes which affect the qualifications of doctors of medicine, medical college requirements, and the like."

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Amorous Spell

*M*y preliminary examination of the patient had disproved the suspicion of pulmonary tuberculosis, and I began questioning the young man further in search of another cause for his symptoms.

"Well, Doc," he finally volunteered, "I'll tell you what my other disability is. I was cracked on the head while I was in the service, and now I have romantic epilepsy." —FLORENCE A. BROWN, M.D.

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Your assurance that patients will be afforded Thyroid Medication which is Uniform in Potency and Completely Stable.

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Uniform potency in Glythoid Pills is assured by means of an exclusive glycerin extraction process which eliminates subjection of the glands to excessively high temperatures. This process insures against the deterioration of the active constituents during extraction and results in a preparation in which the properties of the thyroid materials are closely similar to those of the fresh gland.

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Schieffelin & Co.

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Medical care of the indigent "is a joint responsibility of government and the doctor of medicine. It is the task of government to supply necessary funds . . . and the task of the medical profession to supply, for standard fees, the best medical care it has to offer."

Medical security as it affects the doctor "is a goal toward which the medical profession has striven since the time of Hippocrates and toward which much progress has been made."

Medical security as it affects the public "is a goal to be striven for; it is obtainable only through the efforts of the individual, through the cooperation of government in effecting enabling legislation for voluntary group effort, and through the services of the doctor of medicine."

Besides doctor-patient contacts, the society uses these tools for reaching the public:

News releases. The society issues frequent releases of "real news stories." It bans "made up stories that earn only the contempt of the press." Stimulation of friendly editorial comment, says the society, "can do much to further our objectives. But emphasis must be on what is said rather than on how much is said."

In 1947, says the society, each of Michigan's 4 million people will be reached several times a month through press releases. One project will be a weekly column, under a by-line, on the economics of health; it will be distributed to papers throughout the state.

Newspaper advertising. "Because circulation is known," says the society, "advertising can be directed to those audiences con-

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FORWARD STEPS IN SCIENCE

Pasteur's pioneer work not only stimulated other scientists to endless research but, in itself, has been the basis of much present day procedure in medical and public health work. And in like manner, in the field of surgery, Sklar's pioneer work in the use of *American made* Stainless Steel for the manufacture of surgical instruments has established a standard of perfection in instrument manufacture.

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sidered most valuable. Cost per reader is relatively small." The society hopes to eradicate the idea among editors that physicians are opposed to advertising and to gain a more favorable press for medicine's problems. Use is being made of 307 weekly and fifty-three daily papers. More than seventy papers are used for advertisements which appear about every two weeks.

Radio publicity. Emphasis in radio scripts is put on the profession's effort to solve scientific problems. A new project for 1947 will be a daily, five-minute, transcribed program of health news. It will be distributed free to radio stations. The stations will be allowed to seek local sponsors for it, but the latter must be approved by the Michigan State Medical Society.

Radio advertising. Federal controls seriously hinder radio discussion of controversial issues, says the society, "but the fact remains that radio is a great medium for reaching a large public. Radio networks should be provided with medical programs that will not only assist their stations financially but will arouse public interest as well."

Pamphlets. The society feels that pamphlets have three definite advantages: (1) the MSMS has a means of distributing pamphlets through its members; (2) each pamphlet can tell a complete story; and (3) pamphlets can tie in with other advertising.

Motion pictures. "If used on a

simple scale in connection with public speaking programs the cinema is valuable in reaching small groups." It should be noted that only \$1,000 has been set aside in the budget for this purpose.

Direct mail. "Expensive, but the most flexible and swiftest means of advertising, direct mail will be used when the pressure is greatest and the message most timely."

Schools. The society goes directly to the youth of Michigan with a school program aimed at inspiring interest in personal health and at stimulating young men and women to enter the health professions. The program also seeks to combat fake medicine and cultism and to obtain a proper understanding of the economic problems of medical care. It employs (1) a series of recorded programs; (2) oratory contests on the subject of health; (3) personal health charts for individual students; (4) radio and playlet script for use in schools; and (5) reference material.

Still further means are used by the society in shaping public opinion. During 1946, for instance, it spent \$2,500 to reach the rural population through advertisements in the "Michigan Farmer." It also maintains a bureau of professional and lay speakers.

"Although our program has been prepared on a scientific and analytical basis and in conformance with the latest and best public relations technique, it will not re-

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This truss is easy to fit, easy to sell, has brought relief to thousands and provided an EXTRA SOURCE OF INCOME to hundreds of physicians throughout the U. S. It is nationally advertised and well worth your endorsement. We'll send a truss for a ten-day inspection upon the receipt of your letterhead or prescription blank.

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HAGERSTOWN, MARYLAND

main static," says a Michigan State Medical Society officer. The society plans to keep its finger on the pulse of public opinion by use of frequent polls. Adjustment of policies and procedures will be made to meet any changing condition.

While the society's plan is admittedly not perfect, it has two primary virtues: (1) Policies are made by physicians. (2) Physicians participate in the execution of the plan, which is under the supervision of a public relations expert.—R. G. SHUTE

MICHIGAN MEDICAL SOCIETY'S PUBLIC RELATIONS BUDGET FOR 1947

Purpose	Amount
Salaries	\$ 8,750
Office	3,140
Travel	2,000
School of Information	2,000
National Conference on Medical Service	500
Committee meetings	1,000
Newspaper advertising	30,000
Radio advertising	14,500
School program	4,000
Pamphlets	9,100
Displays	1,500
Motion picture shorts	1,000
State journal advertising	1,000
Miscellaneous	1,500
Reserve	25,000
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¹Kostmayer, H. W.: Southern Med. Jour. 28:931, 1935.

FREE BOOKLETS for your women patients

Let this purse-sized booklet, "Personal Matters of Import to Women," give your patients the ethical information they need to cooperate with you. Millions have been distributed by physicians. Write for a supply.

Tyree's

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*Manufacturers of CYSTODYNE, Tyree
for the treatment of genito-urinary infections*

What They're Reading

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If "Medical Care" makes the best studying of these three publications, J. Weston Walch's "Complete Handbook" makes the best browsing. Core of the book is 347 quotations on the affirmative side, 344 for the negative, neatly classified for ready reference. The publisher calls it "a digest of everything important that has been said for or against socialized medicine during the last fifteen years." He's probably not far wrong. The worthwhile quotations that can be excerpted from the book are concise and sprightly—the sort that physicians find useful to back up statements in informal debates on health insurance. They come from hundreds of medical and general publications.

This unique "evidence file" is preceded by seven background chapters on state medicine. The book is informally written and informative in its own way. What it lacks in depth it makes up in breadth.

"Free Medical Care," the Reference Shelf volume on the same subject, is notable mainly for its lusty swings at the National Physicians' Committee and for its coverage of socialized medicine in Norway, Great Britain, and Russia. It lacks the completeness of the NUEA handbook. It is less entertaining than Walch's publication. Never-

theless, "Free Medical Care" presents an imposing array of talent, much of it concentrated on the affirmative side: President Truman, Henry Wallace, Senators Pepper and Murray, George Addes, and the inevitable Dr. Boas. For the cons, Drs. George Baehr, Lewis J. Moorman, Morris Fishbein, and Ernest E. Irons are among those present. Results might have been happier for physicians if the compiler had omitted a negative piece entitled "Socialized Medicine Shall Not Pass."

A TREASURY OF DOCTOR STORIES

Edited by Noah D. Fabricant, M.D., and Heinz Werner. 493 pages. Frederick Fell. \$3.

Thirty-five pieces of high literary standard pack this new anthology. Among those present are Stephen Vincent Benet, Pearl Buck, Somerset Maugham, Ring Lardner, Ernest Hemingway, and Clarence Day. Selections run the gamut from Howard Vincent O'Brien's delightful "Allergies and the Man-Eating Carp" to Conrad Aiken's intricate "Silent Snow, Secret Snow." All the tales have something to do with the medical scene—in some cases too much so for the physician's enjoyment. Here is plenty of sickness, plenty of death, but a full measure of entertainment too, if you don't mind doing some picking and choosing.

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- ✓ Hemorrhoids
- ✓ Minor Vulval Irritation
- ✓ Ivy Poisoning
- ✓ Athlete's Foot

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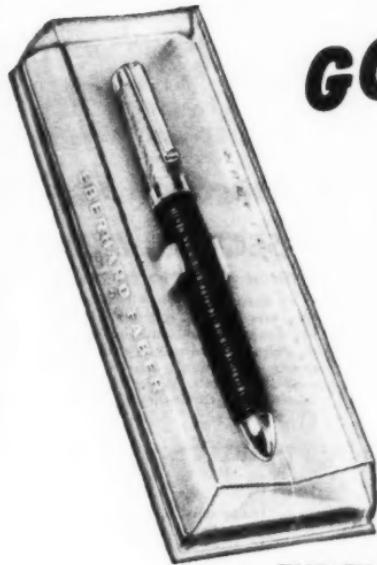
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How to use each section

SECTION I (Pink)

(Items Listed Alphabetically)

Section I contains an alphabetical listing of pharmaceutical specialties and biologicals. Also each manufacturer's name appears alphabetically with a listing of his products. Wherever a page number appears a full description of the product will be found on the page referred to in Section IV (White).

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FLUAGEL
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FOILLE
Carbisulphoil Company

FOLESTRIN
Armour Laboratories

FOLLACRO
Schieffelin & Co.

FOLLESTROL
Blue Line Chemical Company. The

FOLLUTIN
Squibb, E. R. & Sons, page 338

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Forbes Laboratories, Inc.
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Estrogenic Substances in Sesame Oil
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Gonatropin (Forbes), page 296
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ALUM (w. Co.) Alquino (McNeil)

ALUMINUM ACETATE
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Domeboro Tabs (Dome), page 294

ALUMINUM HYDROXIDE

Abbott Laboratories
Adroxal (Jameson)
Alcid (Maltbie)
Aldroxigel (Chicago Pharmacal)
Aludros (Wyeth)
Aluminoid (Chatham), page 282
Amphojel (Wyeth)
Clima (Premo)
Creamalin (Winthrop), page 360
Flint Eaton (Aluminum Hydroxide
Syrup), page 276
Fluagel (Bresal), page 276
Hydrogel Tablets (Breon), page 276
Kreamann (Wyeth)
Leiterle Laboratories, Inc.
Neegel (Maltbie)
Rorer, William R., Inc.
Schieffelin & Company
Squibb, E. R. & Sons
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ALUMINUM HYDROXIDE (w/ASPIRIN)

Prto-Dol Tablets (Prodol Co.), page

If you remember a specialty (Fluagel, for example) but not the manufacturer's name, you would first refer to the Pink Section locating the name (Fluagel). This gives you the manufacturer's name and if a page reference follows, you will find a complete product description under the manufacturer's name in Section IV (White).

If you are interested in finding an aluminum hydroxide product and you do not remember the name of any particular ulcer drug or the manufacturer, you would look in this section.

Copies of P.D.R. (Physicians' Desk Reference) were distributed free during the month of November to over 100,000 physicians. P.D.R. has not been published with any intent of influencing in the slightest degree the therapeutic practices of any physician.

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SECTION III (Blue)

(Therapeutic Indications Index)

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If you remember that you had read or heard about a product for the treatment of your gastric ulcers and yet could not recall the product's name or its manufacturer, you could in all probability find it under the heading **Gastric Ulcers**.

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SECTION IV (White)

(Professional Product Information)

This section lists the major products of each manufacturer under the manufacturer's name. Complete information is given as to each product's composition, action and uses, contraindications, administration, dosage and how supplied. All information given in this section has been edited by the Medical Director of the manufacturer.

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IN THIS SECTION, if you remember that George A. Breon & Co. produce an aluminum hydroxide item that is used in treating gastric ulcers, you could check through all of Breon's listings and find a detailed description of the product you had in mind.

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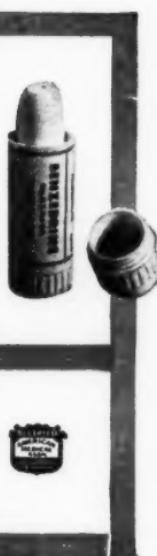
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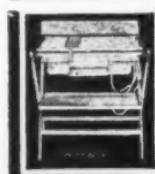
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Profession Dead, Says British Physician

Britain's National Health Bill is the obituary of medicine as a learned profession, Dr. K. D. Wilkinson of Birmingham has told members of the British Medical Association. Criticizing the "pink giant," he said, "The practitioner will work a service comparable to the telephone service. He will choose neither where to live, what type of practice to engage in, nor whom to work with."

Dr. Wilkinson quoted an appropriate Army saying: "What happens to your patients is of no consequence provided your returns are correct."

Distribute Physician's Desk Reference

A new reference volume was on its way to more than 100,000 physicians last month. Physicians' Desk Reference, a four-way index of over 1,000 specialties, biologicals, and drug items, is being distributed to M.D.'s as an informational aid. The compilation was underwritten by the ethical pharmaceutical manufacturers and by Medical Economics, Inc.

Physician's Desk Reference lists the major products of each ethical

manufacturer. For 1,500 major products of 132 manufacturers, it gives the product's formula, action and uses, contra-indications, administration, and dosage. In separate sections it groups the products alphabetically, by drug types, and by therapeutic indications.

A survey conducted among physicians in 1944 showed the need for such a volume. The publishers plan a revised edition each year.

Pratt Raps Lobby Law as Discriminatory

John M. Pratt, executive secretary of the National Physicians Committee, has lashed out bitterly against the new lobbying law which, he says, forces Federal registration of organizations and individuals who are not lobbyists but grants immunity to Government agencies that seek to influence legislation. "Anyone who knows the ways of Washington," says Mr. Pratt, "knows that the most active lobbying in the capital is carried on behind the scenes by Government officials and bureaucrats."

The Pratt protest accompanied a report of NPC's income and expenditures, which the new law requires to be made at regular periods. Mr. Pratt made the report under protest, informing South Trimble, clerk of the House of Rep-

resentatives, with whom the report was filed, that he "seriously questioned" whether the law applied to the NPC, which, he said, was not principally concerned with the influencing of legislation.

Small-City Hospitals Support Themselves

Municipal hospitals in small cities are often able to meet operating costs out of the fees they get from patients. So says the International City Managers' Association after surveying public hospitals in 29 representative cities throughout the country. It found that municipal hospitals in large metropolitan areas, because they care mostly for indigents, are forced to depend much more on

tax funds than do those in the smaller communities that have a high proportion of paying patients.

According to the survey, hospitals in 10 of the 29 cities paid all expenses out of room rents and service charges. Nine met from 90 to 99 per cent of their costs. These 19 cities were all relatively small. A larger one, Austin, Tex., met 55 per cent of costs out of operating income, while Dallas's municipal hospital could meet only 14 per cent.

Society Calls V.A. Critic Greedy

An anonymous physician protested in a letter to a New Jersey paper that the Veterans Administration was slow in paying him

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for his services under the home-town plan of medical care of veterans. The New Jersey Medical Society denounced him as "churlish" and said that if it weren't for the V.A. he wouldn't have "this handsome accounts receivable."

Said the society: "There are only certain amounts of time and personnel available for authorizing and making payments. It is altogether proper that payment to veterans of pension or subsistence take precedence over payment to doctors, most of whose income comes from outside sources. It is ungracious, indeed shameful, for a physician to insist that he be paid first."

Senator Morse Assails M.D.'s for 'Threats'

Senator Wayne L. Morse (R., Ore.) has reacted sharply to a charge that he "double-crossed" the medical profession by allegedly favoring such measures as the Super-EMIC Bill (S. 1318) and the Wagner-Murray-Dingell Bill (S. 1606). Declaring that he acted as co-sponsor of S.1318 only because he wanted "full and fair" hearings on the problems of maternal and child welfare, the Senator points

out that he helped block the attempt by Senator Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) to railroad the measure to the Senate floor.

"Doctors should face political realities," he recently told the Oregon State Medical Society. "If, for example, the medical profession thinks for a moment that the American people are going to turn over to it the job of determining public policy in protecting the health of the people, it is mistaken. The doctors had better read the handwriting on the wall as far as that issue is concerned. If members of the medical profession continue to make political threats against their fair-minded friends in Congress, as some have against me, they will succeed only in having those friends replaced by out-and-out advocates of socialized medicine."

Small Hospitals Face Personnel Crisis

The nation's small hospitals now face a serious personnel problem, says Marshall I. Pickens, assistant secretary, The Duke Endowment, Charlotte, N.C. In a report to the American Hospital Association, Mr. Pickens listed the following handi-

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(3) The responsibility of the staff nurse in the small hospital is unduly heavy because of the absence of an interne and resident staff.

(4) Volunteers in the small hospital usually have less pre-service training and work under less supervision.

(5) Affiliation with a large hospital or a grouping of three or four small hospitals is necessary to pro-

vide adequate radiological and pathological service.

(6) Because of the influence of public opinion on the conduct of a small community hospital, it is limited in its charges to patients. This makes it difficult to compete in an open market for personnel.

These problems are often magnified by the influence of the medical staff in the average small hospital, Mr. Pickens said. It is much greater than may be found in large institutions.

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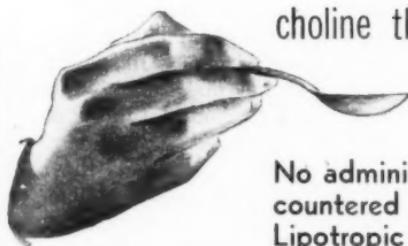
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Under the new charter it will be possible for as few as twenty-five members of any chapter to appeal to national headquarters for relief from any organizational action they deem unwise or unjust.

Public Ire Forces New Hospital Procedure

Shocked by strong public resentment characterized by charges of commercialism and mercenary behavior, Vassar Brothers Hospital, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., recently asked physicians to cooperate in a new system to minimize delays in admitting patients.

Smoldering public resentment against the old admitting procedure—based mostly on misunderstanding, according to the hospital

—became critical when the institution began a drive for funds. A large number of pledge cards were returned unsigned by persons who refused to contribute anything. Disturbed hospital officials questioned a number of such people and then reported:

"They say that they come to Vassar Hospital in a highly emotional state caused by grave concern over their condition and the possible outcome, to find that the hospital is interested only in their pocketbook. One man summed up this extreme viewpoint in these words: 'Why should I give anything to Vassar Hospital? Boy, they really get theirs. They won't even let you in the place until they know if you have money to pay your bills, and they make doubly certain by trying to find out how much your friends have.'

"Of course," comments the hospital, "this is an untrue statement. Actually, most of the questions asked deal directly with the welfare of the patient. But this attitude by so many does indicate clearly the irritation caused by the delay in getting patients into the hospital . . ."

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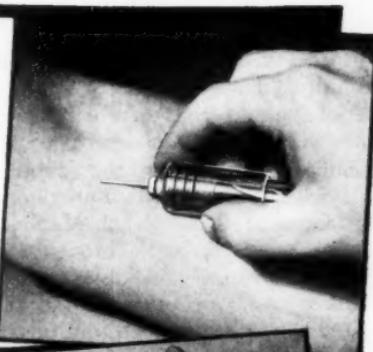


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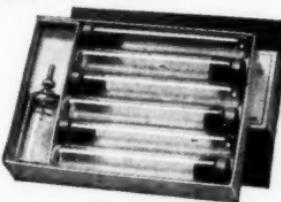
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Editor Raps Popular Medical Articles

Perhaps doctors would do better to read the up-to-the-minute medical information published in popular magazines than to rely on medical journals, Dr. J. J. Lightbody observes caustically in the Detroit

Medical News. "Scientific medical treatises are submitted for publication anywhere from four months to two years before publication," he says. "But when anything is 'hot' from a medical publicity angle, the idea is usually released through a certain secretary in Chicago (Modern Home Medical Adviser), who gets his name attached, and then Paul de Kruif takes over . . . Never has man read so much written by so many who know so little about their subject."

Fifty-Four Clergymen Favor Euthanasia

Proposed legislation legalizing euthanasia for the hopelessly ill has been endorsed by 54 Protestant clergymen, according to the Euthanasia Society of America, Inc. The ministers—all of them prominent and some known as "liberals"—declared that there is no ethical objection to "painless death for persons who desire it and who are suffering from incurable, fatal, and painful disease." Euthanasia under such circumstances, they said, "should not be regarded as contrary to the teachings of Christ or to the principles of Christianity."

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Physician-Veteran Runs Amok, Injures Two

Becoming suddenly frenzied during the course of a professional visit to a woman patient's home, Dr. John Broaddus, 31, of Highland Park, Mich., recently slashed her husband severely about the face, neck, and shoulders. The physician was subdued by police only after he had been shot in the thigh and ankle.

Shortly after his arrival at the home, Dr. Broaddus allegedly threatened to kill Mrs. Beatrice Utash, 32, with a surgeon's knife. A neighbor who was present grappled with him until the patient's husband got to the room, armed with a rifle. He pursued Dr. Broaddus to a bathroom, where the latter slashed him until he retreated. The physician then locked himself in and police had to break down the door. A wild, room-to-room battle followed, during which the physician was wounded.

Taken under arrest to St. Joseph's Hospital, of which he was a staff member, Dr. Broaddus declared he could remember nothing of the attack. His wife told detectives that her husband had been hospitalized for twelve months before separation from the Army Medical Corps, with which he had served 3½ years.

Low M.D. Pay Rates Called Shameful

Part-time physicians employed by the New York City Department of Health "to treat human beings" are paid less than veterinarians receive in neighboring Westchester County for inoculating dogs, a labor

union has charged. In a blanket condemnation of low compensation received by health workers in the metropolis, United Public Health Workers, CIO, declares that nurses, sanitary inspectors, and others are resigning in "alarming" numbers to take better-paying jobs elsewhere. One hundred such resignations occurred in the first three quarters of 1946, asserts the union, which declares that the city's niggardliness may bring about a "grave" health crisis, since the workers who remain are unable to cope with their expanded duties.

Physicians in part-time public health work elsewhere receive from \$3 to \$6 an hour, adds the newspaper PM, while New York City pays only \$2.33. The five medical societies of the city have already condemned that rate as "indefensi-

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City Employees to Swell Co-op Plan's Lists

HIP, the community-sponsored Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, got its first big financial boost a month ago. Not unexpectedly, the City of New York nudged its thousands of municipal employees toward the subscription lists by agreeing, formally, to pay half their premiums. Over the protests of the city's five county medical societies, the "doctors' plan," United Medical Service, was left out in the cold.

Already actively selling its plan through the Blue Cross—as does UMS—HIP hoped to start paying benefits shortly after the first of the year. Meanwhile, its negotiations with the city had resulted in reams of favorable publicity in New York newspapers.

Throughout the metropolitan area, physicians' groups were being formed to furnish, by way of contract with HIP, comprehensive care in home, office, or hospital, includ-

ing a practically full range of specialists' services. Each group will collect from the plan on a capita-
tion basis.

The city is expected to contribute between \$4 and \$5 million a year to the program, matching its employes' premiums dollar for dollar.

Ethical Codes Ruled Binding in Law

The statutes do not specifically prohibit certain unethical acts; the codes of ethics of professional societies do. The question, appealed to the highest court in New York State, was: "Do the societies' codes have legal weight and effect?" The Court of Appeals has ruled that they do, and that a person may be duly tried and suspended from the practice of a profession if he transgresses those rules.

The decision was made recently in the case of a dentist who had been charged with unethical conduct because he employed a layman to solicit patients on a percentage basis. Brought before the State Board of Regents by the Board of Dental Examiners, he made no effort to deny the charge, but contended that since the practice was



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not specifically barred by statute he could not be legally tried. The regents found him guilty, however, and suspended him from practice for a year. He thereupon appealed, on his original grounds, to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, where his conviction was reversed. The court noted, in passing, that his act was contrary to the code of ethics of the professional societies but pointed out that he did not belong to any of them.

The Board of Regents took the case to the Court of Appeals, which reversed the Appellate Division and upheld the conviction and suspension of the dentist. In an opinion concurred in by five of seven justices, the court declared it was not necessary for the legislature to define with particularity acts which constitute professional misconduct. Such definition, it said, may be left to professional societies, whose codes represent the overwhelming weight of opinion in the profes-

sions. Therefore, it decided, "what constitutes unprofessional conduct by a dentist must be determined by those standards which are commonly accepted by practitioners in the same territory."

Transgression of the ethical code, said the court, is a "moral dereliction," and the offending practitioner may not plead ignorance as palliation, since it must be assumed that he is thoroughly conversant with the rules of his profession.

The opinion concluded: "It seems to us that there is one course of conduct which in each and every profession is known as a matter of common knowledge to be improper and unprofessional. That is the conduct by which, after a professional man has been licensed by the state, he enters into a partnership in his professional work with a layman, by the terms of which he divides with the latter, on a percentage basis, payments made by a client or patient for professional



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Lax M.D.'s 'Hindering' Conquest of T.b.

Physicians who negligently or wilfully fail to report cases of tuberculosis, as required by law, have been denounced by Dr. Haven Emerson, nationally known public health educator. "Is a requirement of the Board of Health, having the force and effect of law, to be disregarded with impunity? The humblest expectation of public health is that physicians recognize tuberculosis prior to the patient's death and report every infected person receiv-

ing medical care."

The educator singles out for particular castigation the doctor who is inclined to "spare the feelings of the patient and family" and therefore attempts to care for the patient at home. Recalling that in 1910 there were three deaths from t.b. for every reported case, Dr. Emerson reports considerable progress, with one state, Wisconsin, recently reporting 3.70 cases per death. Yet, he says, it is probable that between seven and ten cases per death could be discovered and reported if all resources of medicine were used to full advantage.

Free Choice, Limited

The patient's right to choose his own physician freely is explicitly guaranteed by the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill, assert its proponents. Not so, retorts Dr. George Dunlop, chairman of the legislative committee of the Worcester (Mass.) Medical District. "The bill states," he recently told a nurses' convention, "that you cannot choose a physician if he is not in your district, if his panel is full, if he has not agreed to practice under the act, or if he is a specialist. Is this free choice?"

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